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SUMMARY.

The Imperial Parliament will be prorogued on Monday. The next session will begin on February 16.

It is reported that Venezuela has declared war against Holland, owing to the blockade maintained by the Dutch.

The revolutionary movement at Caracas against President Castro is growing.

Statements have been made in the Imperial Parliament revealing the scheme of constitutional reforms for India.

Lord Morley, speaking in the House of Commons, deprecated making the Indian sky darker than it really was.

He said he believed that the exercise of summary jurisdiction would soon restore order.

The Viceroy's council is to be increased from 22 to 62, but the permanent special majority is to be maintained.

The "Times" welcomes the general character of the proposed reforms.

The adoption of summary justice has produced a marked effect in Bengal. The secret societies are being dissolved.

The Sultan of Turkey was loudly cheered while proceeding in the State coach to open Parliament in St. Sophia-square.

In his speech, the Sultan said he was heartily glad to restore the constitution granted 32 years ago.

He regretted the actions of Bulgaria and Austria-Hungary, but the Turkish Government was trying to safeguard the nation's rights.

Since the proclamation of the Constitution, 36,000 exiles have returned to Turkey.

A strike of carters in Dublin has dislocated trade.

The services of troops have been requisitioned to protect imported labourers.

Archbishop Walsh has been elected Chancellor of the new University of Dublin, created under the Irish Universities Act.

The Bishop of Pretoria (Dr. Carter) has accepted the Archbishopric of Capetown rendered vacant by the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Jones.

The Taff Vale Railway Company pays £4,445,300 for the Cardiff Docks.

Of this amount, the Marquis of Bute receives £1,900,000 in shares and cash.

The Australian Rugby Union team defeated Glamorganshire League by 11 points to 3. The Australian Rugby League team defeated Treherbar by 6 to 3.

The finishing touches were given last evening to the work of the State session. All that remains now is the formal prorogation.

The Legislative Council agreed to the Assembly's amendments in the Sydney Corporation Bill and the Pure Food Bill.

Some private bills were agreed to, and the Appropriation Bill and the Loan Bill were passed through all their stages.

The Assembly sat yesterday from 10.30 a.m. until 7.30 p.m. The amendments made by the Council in various measures were dealt with.

A bill was passed extending for 12 months the term of office of the Western Lands Board.

The work of the session has practically been accomplished within the last two months.

The inquest on the body of Hannah Kelly, the victim of the Armidale tragedy, was resumed yesterday.

The evidence taken had reference to the discovery of the body, which presented a shocking spectacle.

The inquest was adjourned to enable the police to make further investigations into the circumstances of the tragedy.

The report of the special board appointed to inquire into the Mount Morgan accidents has been made available.

The board recommends the abandonment of the "pigstye" system of timbering, and the adoption of the sectional system of mining.

The board also advises the careful selection of suitable methods of working to secure the maximum of safety.

At the distribution of prizes at Fort-street Model School yesterday a very satisfactory report was presented.

The total number of boys sent up for the University examinations was 103, and of these 100 passed, being a percentage of 97.

It is proposed to establish a camp for a month in the Yass-Canberra district to enable Federal members to visit the capital site.

The revenue of the Postal Department is not coming in quite as well as was expected.

The difficulties in providing funds for the betterment of the telephone and telegraphic services are accordingly increased.

Mr. Hunt, federal meteorologist, now on tour, found scientists in Paris desirous of an exchange of data between Europe and Australia.

The Minister for Home Affairs has approved of the system of supplying private institutions, and firms with a daily weather bulletin.

Mr. H. Wickes, the representative in Australia of the Board of Trade, has arrived in Melbourne, where he will establish his headquarters.

The Postmaster-General (Mr. Thomas) is said to be inclined to consider seriously the raising of the telephone rates.

The Minister for Customs has had investigations made into the complaints that explosives are being dumped in Australia from South Africa.

As the result, he has come to the conclusion that there has been no infringement of the Anti-trust Act.

The Nambucca bar is in a deplorable condition. The steamer Nerong has not yet crossed in. Two other vessels are barbound inside.

The death is reported of the Rev. Dr. Welshman, one of the oldest missionaries in the Melanesian mission at the Solomon Islands.

Further native murders have been committed at Malaita, in the Solomons.

The schooner Ururoa, coal-laden from Newcastle, went ashore near the entrance to the port of Wellington.

The crew have landed safely. They had an anxious time, and had to spend the night in the rigging.

The interstate cricket match between New South Wales and South Australia was begun on the Adelaide Oval yesterday.

The visitors, who batted first, have scored 410 for the loss of one wicket, Bardsley being caught after making 56.

Hopkins, who was missed in the slips before he had scored, batted in brilliant style, and is 218 not out.

Noble also showed consistent form, and is still at the wickets with 124 to his credit.

Dr. Henry Kenneth Fry has been selected as the South Australian Rhodes scholar for 1909.

About 40 boys employed in a biscuit factory at Enmore went on strike owing to a grievance respecting payment for overtime.

The managing director of the factory promised to consider the grievance, and the boys subsequently returned to work.

The annual training of the Senior Cadets at Yarra Bay was concluded yesterday. Officers speak highly of the discipline in camp.

The body of a man has been discovered in the river at Wee Waa.

There was a large hole in the skull, and indications point to the belief that the man was murdered.

The Goulburn Fire Brigade, which has for some time been divided into two parties, has been disbanded. A new brigade is being formed.

At the wool sales during the week the offerings were attractive, and the demand strong from various sections of buyers.

Although there has been a general easing in values the market has held remarkably well.

Business in investment stocks was fairly active on 'Change yesterday, prices being firm.

The mining market was extremely quiet, with a restricted amount of business recorded.

Prices generally remained fairly steady, scripholders declining to unload on an inactive market.

To-day's forecast:—Some thunderstorms in the north-east, and showers on the south coast; otherwise fine, with cooler conditions generally.

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OROYA	6,297	Laws	Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
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*bORONTES	9,023	Ruthven	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
*bASTURIAS	12,002	Jenks	April 3	April 6	April 8
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From LAUNCESTON—
LOONGANA, December 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31; January 2, 5, 7, 9, 12.

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OONAH, December 24, 6 p.m.

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BRISBANE, *MARYBOROUGH, *BUNDABERG, *GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, TOWNSVILLE (Jetty and Town Wharfs)	**KOMURA (Cargo Only), THIS DAY, SATURDAY, noon, December 19. WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 22. **MOIRA (Cargo Only), SATURDAY, Noon, December 26.
BRISBANE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE (Town Wharf) TOWNSVILLE (Jetty Wharf) †LUCINDA, †GERALDTON, †MOURILYAN CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN.	WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 22. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 29. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., January 5. WYREEMA (New Steamer, Twin Screw, 6337 Tons), TUESDAY, 6 p.m., Jan. 12.
THURSDAY ISLAND NORMANTON, BURKETOWN,	KOMURA (Cargo only), THIS DAY, SATURDAY, Noon, December 19. (Transhipping at Brisbane).
LAUTOKA, SUVA, LEVUKA, FIJI.	SUVA, WEDNESDAY, 5 p.m., December 23.

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*Marere	6443	J. Firth	"
Indradevi	5663	A. E. Hollingsworth	"
Indralema	5660	R. T. Craven	"
*Whakarua	6534	J. C. Felgate	"
Hawkes Bay	4583	D. McQueen	"
Star of Ireland	4330	C. Griffiths	"
Star of Victoria	3291	W. Boyce	"
*Niwaru	6444	H. Hollis	"
Mimiro	6225	A. H. Kemp	"
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Star of England	3584	C. T. Hilder	"
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ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE (Taking Cargo for S.A., Gulf Ports, Perth, Hopetoun, and all other W.A. Ports), GERALDTON,	STEAMER EARLY.
BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON (Wharf),	BURWAH, 5 p.m., TUESDAY, Dec. 22. ALLINGA, 5 p.m., TUESDAY, Dec. 29.
BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE (Transhipping at Townsville for Lucinda Point, Cardwell, Mourilyan, Geraldton, Cairns, Port Douglas),	PEREGRINE, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, December 26. BOMBALA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, January 2. COOMA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, January 9.

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WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (Transhipping to outports),	ULIMAROA, 6000 Tons, Twin Screw, SATURDAY, January 9, 2 p.m.

From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—ULIMAROA, TUESDAY, December 22.

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HOBART—
WESTRALIA, THIS DAY, SATURDAY, 11 a.m., and December 28; January 9, 19, 29.

From HOBART—
WESTRALIA, Dec. 24; January 4, 14, 25.

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FOR MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE,	PILBARRA, WEDNESDAY, December 30, at 1 p.m. Through to Geraldton, omitting Albany. GRANTALA, SATURDAY, January 2. Without Transhipment.
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1908-1909.

Day. Date.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
1908.		
Sat., Dec. 19	Hunter, at 11.30.	Namoi, at 11.30.
Mon., Dec. 21	Newcastle, 11.	Hunter, 11.30.
Tues., Dec. 22	Hunter, 11.	Newcastle, 11.30.
Wed., Dec. 23	Namoi, 11.	Hunter, 11.30.
Thur., Dec. 24	Newcastle, 3 p.m. Hunter, midnight	Namoi, 11.30. Newcastle, midnight
Fri., Dec. 25	Namoi, midnight	Hunter, midnight.
Sat., Dec. 26	Hunter, midnight	Namoi, midnight.
Sun., Dec. 27	Namoi, midnight	Hunter, midnight.
Mon., Dec. 28	Hunter, 11.	Namoi, 11.30.
Tues., Dec. 29	Namoi, 11.	Hunter, 11.30.
Wed., Dec. 30	Hunter, 11.	Namoi, 11.30.
Thurs., Dec. 31	Namoi, midnight	Hunter, midnight.
1909.		
Fri., Jan. 1	Hunter, midnight	Namoi, midnight.
Sat., Jan. 2	Namoi, midnight	Hunter, midnight.
Sun., Jan. 3	Hunter, midnight	Namoi, midnight.
Mon., Jan. 4	Namoi, 11 p.m.	Hunter, 11.30.

HOLIDAY FARES:

Tickets will be issued at the following rates from 21st December, 1908, to 2nd January, 1909, inclusive:—
1st SALOON, 8s Return; Single, 6s.
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S.S. HAWK, 140 tons, THIS SATURDAY, at 2 p.m.
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T.S.S. HUNTER, 1840 tons, round Scotland Island, THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.
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SATURDAY NEXT.
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MACLEAY RIVER.—Yulgilbar, Monday, noon sharp.
MANNING RIVER.—Electra, Tuesday, 2 p.m.
BELLINGER RIVER.—Rosedale, Monday, 4 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Nerong, early. (Bar silted up.)

FROM DRUITT-STREET.

BYRON BAY.—Cavanba, THIS DAY, 9 a.m. Passengers by 5 to 2 train to-day to Newcastle can pick her up; leaves Newcastle 7 p.m. Orara, Monday, 10 a.m.
COFF'S HARBOUR.—Cavanba, THIS DAY, 9 a.m. Passengers by 5 to 2 train to-day to Newcastle can pick her up; leaves Newcastle 7 p.m. Noorebar, Tuesday, 9 a.m.
CLARENCE RIVER (Pass. only).—Noorebar, Tuesday, 9 a.m.
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Leave Byron Bay .. Wednesday, December 23, 10 a.m.
Arrive Sydney ..... Thursday, December 24, 10 a.m.
Leave Sydney ..... Thursday, December 24, 11 p.m.
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Leave Byron Bay .. Saturday, December 26, 7 p.m.
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FARES .... Return, 1st Saloon, £3.
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SHELLHARBOUR.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH, FRIDAY, 7 p.m.
NOWRA and BOMADERRY.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH, TUESDAY, 7 p.m.; FRIDAY, 7 p.m.
ALL SHOALHAVEN RIVER WHARFS, BERRY.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH, TUESDAY, 7 p.m.
MORUYA, via BATEMAN'S BAY (Passengers only).—S.S. MORUYA, FRIDAY, 7 p.m.
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(For continuation of Shipping Advertisements see page 8.)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1908.

INTERSTATE FARES.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued at certain New South Wales Stations to the principal QUEENSLAND, VICTORIAN, and SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATIONS, until FRIDAY, January 1.

These tickets will be available for return for 2 months from date of issue, but tickets issued to Melbourne and other Victorian stations will not be available by the Express Trains except on payment of the difference between the Holiday Excursion and Ordinary rates. The journey may be broken for one month going, and during the currency of ticket on return.

CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

In addition to the usual Cheap Excursion Tickets issued on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, as shown in the Penny Time Table Book, similar tickets at 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 2s) and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1s) will be issued by the undermentioned down trains to and from all Stations at which the trains are timed to call, as far as Nowra, Goulburn, Bathurst, and Newcastle, inclusive. The fares to Waratah and Stations north thereof, also to Stations on the Cooma, Crookwell, and Mudgee lines, and to Orton Park and Stations west thereof, will be at the Rate of Single Fare and a Quarter for the Double Journey (minimum rates 2s first-class and 1s second-class).

CHEAP TRAINS FROM SYDNEY.

NORTHERN LINE.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19.—1.12 p.m., to Newcastle.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.—3.55 p.m. to Newcastle.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—7.35 a.m. to Newcastle; 11.0 a.m. to Tamworth; 3.55 p.m. to Newcastle (to Stations north of Gosford); 4.15 p.m. to Gosford; 7.34 p.m. to Tamworth (to Stations north of West Maitland); 8.5 p.m. to Gosford; 8.15 p.m. and 11.15 p.m. to Newcastle and West Maitland.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25.—7.35 a.m. to Newcastle.

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.—7.35 a.m. to Newcastle.

WESTERN LINE.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19.—8.10 a.m., 1.6 p.m., and 6.13 p.m. to Mt. Victoria.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.—4.55 p.m. to Mt. Victoria; 8.50 p.m. to Mudgee (to Stations on the Mudgee line only); 9.10 p.m. to Orange (to Bowenfels and stations west thereof).

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—8.10 a.m. to Mt. Victoria (to Lawson and Stations west thereof), 8.29 a.m. to Mt. Victoria (to Stations, Penrith to Hazelbrook, inclusive), 3.25 p.m. to Orange (to Hartley Vale and Stations west thereof); 4.0 p.m. to Katoomba; 4.55, 5.26, and 5.29 p.m. to Mt. Victori 7.50 p.m. to Stations on the Mudgee line; 9.10 p.m. to Orange (to Bowenfels and Stations west thereof); 9.18 p.m. to Eskbank; 11.20 p.m. to Bathurst.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25.—7.52 a.m. to Eskbank; 8.28 a.m. to Mt. Victoria (to stations, Penrith to Hazelbrook, inclusive).

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.—8.10 a.m. to Eskbank (to Lawson and Stations west thereof); 6.13 p.m. to Mt. Victoria.

SOUTHERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.—5.15 p.m. to Camden and Goulburn.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—8.0 a.m. to Goulburn; 4.5 p.m. to Bundanoon; 5.0 p.m. to Goulburn; 5.15 p.m. to Camden and Goulburn; 8.25 p.m. to Stations on the Cooma and Crookwell lines; 11.25 p.m. to Camden and Goulburn; 11.45 p.m. to Campbelltown.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25.—8.0 a.m. to Goulburn; 8.55 a.m. to Camden (to stations on the Camden line only).

ILLAWARRA LINE.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19.—3.8 p.m. to Wollongong.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.—1.25 and 1.30 p.m. to Kiama; 5.24 p.m. to Wollongong; 5.55 p.m. to Nowra (to Stations Unanderra to Nowra); 8.0 p.m. to Nowra.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—1.25 and 1.30 p.m. to Kiama; 2.55 p.m. to Nowra; 5.24 p.m. to Wollongong; 5.55 p.m. to Nowra (to Stations Unanderra to Nowra); 8.0 p.m. to Kiama; 11.35 p.m. to Nowra.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25.—7.30 a.m. to Nowra; 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong.

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.—7.8 and 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong; 7.30 a.m. to Nowra. The 8.5 a.m. ordinary train, Sydney to Wollongong, will not run on Saturday, Dec. 26, the Cheap Tickets being issued by special train leaving Sydney at 8.27 a.m. in lieu thereof.

CHEAP TICKETS at the Rate of Single Fare and a Quarter for the Double Journey (minimum 2s First Class and 1s Second Class) will be issued by the undermentioned trains to Sydney, and also to and from all Stations at which the trains are timed to call.

Exceptions.—By the trains leaving West Maitland for Sydney at 5.10 a.m. and 5.45 a.m., and leaving Newcastle for Sydney at 5.55 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, 26th December, also by the trains leaving West Maitland at 5.45 a.m., and leaving Newcastle at 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m., on Saturday, 2nd January, the fares ordinarily charged on Fridays and Saturdays (by trains, and to and from the stations, specified on page 14 of Penny Time-table Book) will apply. The fares to and from other stations to be at the rate of Single Fare and a Quarter for the Double Journey—minimum fares, 2s First-class, and 1s Second-class.

CHEAP TRAINS TO SYDNEY.

NORTHERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.—5.45 a.m., 1.40, and 4.45 p.m. from West Maitland; 6.30 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.50 p.m., and 6.15 p.m. from Newcastle.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—5.45 a.m., 1.40, 4.45 p.m., and 11.46 p.m. from West Maitland; 6.30 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.50 p.m., and 6.15 p.m., and 12.45 midnight from Newcastle; 10.30 p.m. from Singleton; 9.20 p.m. from Murrurundi (from Stations north of Singleton only); 10.30 p.m. from Tamworth (from Stations north of Murrurundi only).

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.—5.10 a.m. and 5.45 a.m. from West Maitland; 5.55 and 6.30 a.m. from Newcastle.

WESTERN LINE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—12.55 p.m. from Eskbank; 11.20 a.m. from Orange (from Bowenfels and Stations west thereof); 11.25 p.m. from Orange (from Stations Orange to Orton Park inclusive); 11.20 p.m. from Mudgee (from stations on the Mudgee line only).

FRIDAY, DEC. 25.—12.2 a.m. from Eskbank; 12.40 a.m. from Bathurst (from Bowenfels and Stations west thereof).

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.—6.15 a.m. from Mt. Victoria (from Emu Plains and Stations west thereof).

SOUTHERN LINE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—4.25 a.m. and 4.10 p.m. from Goulburn; 8.10 p.m. from Bundanoon; 6.5 p.m. from Cooma; 6.55 p.m. from Crookwell.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25.—12.15 a.m. and 4.25 a.m. from Goulburn.

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.—4.25 a.m. from Goulburn; 8.28 a.m. from Moss Vale.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.—4.35 a.m. and 4.0 p.m. from Nowra.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25.—4.35 a.m. from Nowra.

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.—4.35 a.m. from Nowra; 6.35 a.m. from Wollongong.

These Tickets will be available for return within one calendar month from date of issue.

Tickets issued in the Down direction (from Sydney and intermediate Stations) will be available for return by any train.

Tickets issued to Sydney and other Stations in the Up direction will not be available for return by the Melbourne Express or Mail trains, except that passengers for the Cooma and Crookwell Lines may travel by the Mail train leaving Sydney at 8.10 p.m. (8.25 p.m. relief Mail when running), Sunday nights excepted, and passengers for the Mudgee Line may travel by the Mail train leaving Sydney at 7.30 p.m. (7.50 p.m. relief Mail when running), Sundays excepted.

For full particulars of times of trains at intermediate Stations, etc, see handbills obtainable from all Station Masters.

By order,
(10-180) H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

RANDWICK RACES.

A Special Service of trams will be run to the Randwick Racecourse from Circular Quay and Western Railway Gates commencing at 11.30 a.m. The first-class tram will not run.

Return Fare (including admittance to course) by special tram, 1s 6d. Single Tickets will not be issued on the outward journey.

By Order,
(T. 287) H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways,
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Sydney, December 15th, 1908.

TENDERS will be received at this office until Noon on the dates specified for the undermentioned Works, Supplies, etc.:—

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1908.

THE PURCHASE OF PERFORATED DRAIN PIPES. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh, and at the Divisional Engineers' Offices at Bathurst, Newcastle, and Goulburn.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1908.

THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF STEEL AND IRON WORK from the battery-room of the new City Substation. Plans, specifications, etc., Tramway Engineer's Office, 39 Phillip-street, Sydney.

Tenders are to be endorsed "Tender for Drain Pipes," or as the case may be. The Chief Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

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When "The Merry Widow" completed its anniversary at Daly's Theatre, London, nearly six months ago, an ingenious statistician set down the total number of performances that had then been given of the opera at 30,000. The average audience would only have needed to come out at 1000 to show that Franz Lehar's famous musical work had been witnessed by the amazing aggregate of
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ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY, December 22.

WEIGHTS on or about TUESDAY, December 29.

For full particulars see programmes.

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YULE TIDE MEETING,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1908.

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DECEMBER 21,
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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 1909.

SATURDAY, 23rd, and TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

ENTRIES for the undermentioned Races close on MONDAY, 21st December, 1908:—

THE CHALLENGE STAKES.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of 8 sovs. each, 1 forfeit if declared before 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1909, with 400 sovs. added. For all horses. Second horse 80 sovs. and third horse 40 sovs. from the prize. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb; of any such race of the value of 200 sovs. or over, 10lb penalty. Six furlongs.

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Entries, accompanied by First Forfeit of 1 sov., to be made with A.J.C. or V.R.C. Secretary, before 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1908.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.

If Nominations are made by telegram, the amount of First Forfeit must be wired.

Weights for above Handicaps on such day as the Committee may appoint.

A.J.C. Rules of Racing, Regulations, and Bylaws.

T. S. CLIBBORN,
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1909.

LIBERAL RACING CONDITIONS FOR YEAR 1909.

£80 HOLIDAY H'CAP, 1 mile.
£50 FARM STAKES, 6 furlongs. For all horses which have never received an advertised flat race exceeding 50 sovs in value at time of starting. See Conditions, (Apprentices' Allowance.)
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£80 LIVERPOOL MILE, 1 mile. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. (See Conditions, Apprentices' Allowance.)
£100 WARWICK H'CAP, 1¼ mile.
£60 PACE WELTER, 6 furlongs. Lowest weight, 8st 7lb.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY NEXT, 21st DEC., at 4 p.m.

NOTE.—Entrance Fee for each Race, 10s. A.J.C. Rules. For full particulars see Printed Programmes.

PERCY A. OATLEY, Secretary.
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KURRAJONG TROTTING CLUB.
(Under N.S.W. Trotting Club's Rules.)

NEW YEAR'S DAY,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1909.

ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22,
AT 8 P.M.,
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PACE WELTER HANDICAP, 45 sovs, 6 furlongs, lowest weight, 7st 7lb.
JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, 80 sovs, 1¼ mile.
NOVICE HANDICAP, 30 sovs, 6 furlongs, for horses that have not won 15 sovs.
FINAL HANDICAP, 55 sovs, 1 mile.

Entries close 8 p.m. Monday, 21st Dec.

Entrance each race 1 sov. A.J.C. Rules.

For further particulars see programmes.

E. COWCHER,
Secretary.

N.S.W. TROTTING CLUB.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1908.
† TRIAL H'CAP, £15, 2.50 or better, 1m 1f.
† FLYING H'CAP, £25, 2.28 or better, 1m.
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† TRAMWAY H'CAP, £15, 2.42 or better, 1m.
‡ EPPING H'CAP, £25, 2.48 or better, 1¼m.
† Amateurs allowed 3 secs. ‡ Allowed 4 secs, to be claimed at time of entry. Entries Close at 9 p.m. on MONDAY, Dec. 21st, 1908.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held on TUESDAY, December 22, 1908, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Company's Office, 730 George-street, Haymarket.

Business:
The consideration and adoption of the Annual Report and Balance-sheet.
The declaration of a Dividend.
The election of Directors and Auditors.
The consideration of any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

Mr. William Pritchard retires from the Board by rotation, but is eligible for re-election, and has given the necessary notice.

Mr. William Harris also retires by rotation, but is eligible for re-election, and has given notice accordingly.

Mr. Percy Grose Hordern is also a candidate, and has given the necessary notice.

Messrs. Thomas and Henry Pratt retire as Auditors, but are eligible for re-election, and have given notice accordingly.

There are no other candidates.

By order of the Board.

ROBT. B. BARTON,
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N.S.W. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 21st and 22nd of December, 1908.

The Conference will be publicly opened at the Sydney Town Hall at 10 a.m. sharp on MONDAY, 21st instant, by Hon. J. A. HOGUE, Esq., Minister for Public Instruction.

Addresses will be delivered by the Minister for Public Instruction, P. BOARD, Esq., M.A., Under-Secretary; by Hon. C. W. OAKES, M.L.A., Dr. ARTHUR, M.L.A., and the President.

The Conference will be continued at the Girls' Sydney High School.

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The Twelfth Session will be held in Brisbane, commencing on MONDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1909. President, W. H. Bragg, M.A., F.R.S. Subscription, £1; Ladies' Tickets, 10s, admitting to the General and Sectional Meetings and the Evening Entertainments, may be obtained by full members. Ladies may also become full members on the same terms as gentlemen. Reduced Railway and Boat Fares to members. Further particulars on application to J. H. MAIDEN, Acting Permanent Secretary, 5 Elizabeth-street.

KING Labour League.—Pub. Meeting, 8 to-night. Crown, nr. William-st. Adds. by prom. Labourites.

EDUCATIONAL.

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BRIGHTON COLLEGE, MANLY.
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SCHOOL REOPENS FEBRUARY 2nd.

RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
8.10 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Morning Prayer; 11 a.m., Ordination Service and H.C., preacher His Grace the Archbishop; 3.15 p.m., Selections from Christmas Oratorio, Bach, with orchestral accompaniment, short address by the Precentor; 4.30 p.m. Holy Baptism; 7 p.m., Evensong, preacher, Canon Archdall.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LAURENCE.—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m., Mattins 10.30 a.m.; Choral Eucharist (Hodson in G), and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. GORDON TIDY. Litany, 7 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7.15 p.m. Preparation for Christmas Communion, after Evensong. For Christmas Day Services, see Next Thursday's paper.

HOLY TRINITY, Lower Fort-st.—Services, 11, 7.15. Preachers: 11, Rev. D. Creighton; 7.15, Ven. Archdeacon D'Arcy-Irvine.

S. THOMAS', Balmain.—11 a.m., Ven. Archdeacon D'Arcy Irvine; 7 p.m., Rev. H. Baum. Smith, M.A.

ST. CLEMENT'S, Marrickville.—11 a.m., Rev. E. C. Beck; 7.15 p.m., Rev. J. H. Willcoxson.

S. OSWALD, HABERFIELD.—11 a.m. (Rev. C. E. Curtis), 7.15 p.m.

S. JOHN'S, Glebe Point.—Services 11 a.m. (H.C.), 7.15 p.m. S.S. Tovey, Rector.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, Mosman.—Mendelssohn's "Elijah" after Evensong. C. Yarrington, M.A.

ST. Barnabas', George-st W.—8 a.m., H.C.; 11, Rev. W. A. Charlton, 7.15, Rev. Kemp Teasdale.

ST. JOHN'S, Darlinghurst.—Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a.m.; Rev. W. H. Stevenson 11 a.m.; the Rector, Men's Service, 3 p.m.; the Rector, 7.15 p.m.

ST. MATTHIAS', PADDINGTON.
8 a.m., H.C.; 11 a.m., 7.15 p.m.
Preacher, morning and evening,
Rev. J. H. BEST, M.A.

ST. PHILIP'S, Church Hill.—11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. Canon Bellingham, M.A.
CHRISTMAS DAY, 7.30 and 11 a.m. (H.C.), Preacher, Rev. Canon Bellingham, M.A.

S. JAMES', King-street.—8, H.C.; 9, Eucharist and Sermon; 11, Mattins and Sermon; 3, Catechism; 7.15, Evensong and Sermon on "Our Life after Death IV." Preacher, 11 and 7.15, Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith. 8.45 (S. James' Hall), Men's Social Hour. Discussion, "The Human Heart."
MONDAY NIGHT, at 8, CHRISTMAS MYSTERY, "Eager-Heart."

Presbyterian.

ANNANDALE, Hunter-Baillie Memorial.—11 and 7, Choral Service, including Ward's "Nativity," by choir, organ, and orchestra.
Rev. J. S. SCOTT.

BURWOOD.—St. James' Presbyterian Church.—Rev. R. Scott West; morning, 11; evening, 7.15.

CHALMERS, opp. Exhib. Building.—Rev. A. King, 11; Rev. Jas. Cosh, B.D.; 7.15, Rev. A. King, "The Friendship of God." Christmas Carols. Soloists: Miss Burch-Leeder, Mr. J. J. Herford ("Nazareth").

DOUBLE BAY, Cross-st.—Special Gospel Mission, Mr. J. Cumming, 11, 3 (Children), 7.15. Next wk., 7.45.

DULWICH HILL.—11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m., Special Christmas Services. Rev. R. Jennings.

FULLERTON MEMORIAL, S. HILLS.—Rev. D. Fenwick. 11 a.m., 7.15 p.m., Christmas Services, Special Music.
SOLOIST, Mr. E. A. HUMBY.
CHRISTMAS NIGHT, IN THE CHURCH,
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GLEBE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Morning at 11, evening at 7. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Clouston.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. J. ANDERSON GARDINER, B.A. 11 a.m., "The Gracious Season"; 7.30 p.m., "The Whole Family in Heaven and Earth."

PADDINGTON, ST. JOHN'S.—Services, 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m., Rev. George Chalmers.

PALMER-ST.—Rev. J. T. Thorburn, B.A., morning, 11; evening, 7.15.

PETERSHAM.—11 a.m., 7.15 p.m., Rev. R. E. Davies, M.A. Grand Organ Recital, Wednesday next, 8 p.m. Carols and suitable music by full choir. Collection.

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ST. ANDREW'S Presbyterian Church, Sydney.—Service, 11, English; 7, Mr. E. T. Ellis in Welsh.

STANMORE.—11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Rev. C. A. White, B.A.

ST. PETER'S, North Sydney, Presbyterian Church.—Rev. James Kinghorn, 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Redfern.—Rev. M. Hermann, at 11 and 7. Special Xmas music at even. serv.

ST. DAVID'S, DOBROYDE, ASHFIELD. Minister, Rev. E. N. MERRINGTON, B.A., Ph.D. Special Christmas Services, SUNDAY, 20th instant. 11, "The Christmas Song;" 7.15, "Guided by a Star."

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Pastor, Rev. W. M. DILL MACKY, D.D.
Morning, 11, subject, The Sower and the Seed.
Evening, 7, subject, John Calvin.
Preacher, Rev. H. R. GRASSICK.

ST. ENOCH'S, NEWTOWN.
Preacher: Rev. C. E. JAMES.
Special Christmas Services.
Morning at 11. Subject, "No Room for Jesus."
Evening, at 7.15. "Phases of Belief and Unbelief." No. III. THE HISTORIC CHRIST.
N.B.—Christmas Music by the Choir.
Service Christmas Day at 11 a.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PHILLIP-STREET.
BIBLE CLASS, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11, "HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN."
Evening Service, 7, "THE SONG OF THE SOUL AT CHRISTMASTIDE."
Preacher at both Services,
Rev. JOHN FERGUSON.

WAVERLEY, Grahame Memorial.—Right Rev. J. Macaulay, M.A. 11, "Gifts to Our King." Solo, "Come Unto Him," Mrs. Aylmer Jay. 7.15, "The Nativity." Solo, "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," Mr. J. M'Intyre.

WOOLLAHRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Ocean and Forth streets.
Rev. Ronald G. Macintyre, M.A., B.D.
11 a.m., Christ the Centre of the World's History.
7.30 p.m., Personal Influence.
Service on Christmas Day at 11 a.m.

Congregational.

BOURKE-ST.—Rev. C. Whyte, M.A. 11, "Love's Way." 7, Xmas Praise Service—"God's Peace."

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7.15 p.m., Offertory, "The Hallowed Day" (Stainer).
Mr. B. Lyons and Choir.
Chorus, "Sing and Rejoice" .... (Barnby)
Carol, "Christmas Anthem" .... (Barnby)
Recit., Aria, "Comfort Ye, and Every Valley" (Handel).
Carol, "The Song of Angels" .... (R. Fox)
Solo, "Noel" .... (Gounod)
Chorus, "For Unto Us" .... (Handel)
Carol, "Hosanna" .... (Jude)
Chorus, "Hallelujah" .... (Handel)
Benediction.
"Sevenfold Amen" .... (Stainer)
Soloists, Mrs. Belshaw and Mr. Cox.
CHRISTMAS DAY, Divine Service, 11 to 11.45 a.m.

CROYDON.—11 and 7.15. Evening subject: "The World's Unrest." Rev. W. Mathison, B.A.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, NEWTOWN.
Rev. ABSALOM DEANS.
11 a.m.: "When Christ was Born."
7 p.m.: "Peace among Men." Appropriate music.

DEVONSHIRE-ST.—Mr. Gregory Gatland, 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m., all sittings free. Come.

DULWICH HILL.—Morn. 11, Rev. W. Page; evg. 7, Rev. W. Page. Subj., The Empire of the Future.

MANLY.—Rev. F. J. Ecclestone will preach. Morning 11, Evening 7.30.

MOSMAN.—Christmas Services and Anniversary Pastor's Settlement. Rev. A. H. Austin, B.A., 11, 7.15.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Rev. W. J. Grant, B.A.; 11 and 7.15. Solo, Star of Bethlehem, Miss Dullon.

OCEAN-ST, WOOLLAHRA.—Rev. F. B. Cowling, 11 and 7. 7, "Ye Men of Galilee," What Women owe to Jesus Christ. SPECIAL CAROL SERVICE. Singing by large choir. SOLO, Mr. P. GORDON.

PYRMONT.—J. J. STONE, 11 and 7. Christmas Services, 27th, "The Angels' Song."

PETERSHAM.—Rev. E. J. RODD at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Special Praise Service at Night; Special Anthems by the Choir, Duet by Miss Mabel Batchelor and Mr. Percy French.

PETERSHAM Congregational Church, Croydon-st.—Xmas Choral Service. Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered on Sunday, 20th Dec., at 3 p.m., by the Choir, assisted by Miss Mabel Batchelor, Soprano; Miss Ada Middenway, Contralto; Mr. Percy French, Tenor; Mr. W. T. Colyer, Bass. Mr. Hellemann, Con.; Mr. Fox, Org.

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Rev. N. J. Cocks, M.A.,
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Soloists: Miss Ernestine Loust, Miss Ada Middenway, Mr. Chas. Larsen.
Glory to God in the Highest (Pergolesi).
Nazareth (Gounod).
SELECTIONS FROM MESSIAH.

REDFERN.—Rev. F. Binns, Xmas Services, 11; 7.15, Miss Conway, "I know that my Redeemer."

ROCKDALE.—Rev. W. Currie (of Victoria), Morning 11; Evening, 7.

SUMMER HILL.—Rev. R. A. Thompson, B.A., at 11 and 7. Christmas hymns and anthems.

WATERLOO.—Rev. W. Beckenham. Special Christmas Services, 11 and 7. Solos and anthems.

WOOLLAHRA Congregational Church, Jersey-rd.—Rev. Reginald Reynolds, M.A.
11 a.m., The Incarnation; 7.30 p.m., Thoughts at Christmas Time.
SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY,
at 11 a.m.

WHITEFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, PROTESTANT HALL. Rev. A. RIVETT.
11, "Arbitration v The Sword."
7, Mr. E. C. BOWEN, B.P.B.S.,
"Love's Message to the Nations."
XMAS PRAISE SERVICE.

Anthems: "There were Shepherds" (Vincent), "Sing and Rejoice" (Barnby), "O Jerusalem" (West). Solos: "Every Valley," Mr. Walter Whyte; "But who may Abide," Mr. Cecil Hughes; "Star of Bethlehem," Miss Rhoda MacKechnie.

Methodist.

CENTRAL METHODIST MISSION,
NEW LYCEUM HALL.
11 a.m., Rev. W. G. TAYLOR, "The Best yet to Come."
7.15 p.m., Rev. P. J. STEPHEN, "In Freedom's Cause."
Duet, Solo, Choruses. Vocalists, Miss Mercer and Messrs. Lewis and Wright.
"PEOPLE'S OWN," 3 p.m.
Miss ROSE SCOTT and Mr. A. ALLEN on "THE MODERN CURSE OF WAR."
MUSICAL PROGRAMME by the L.P.O. Ladies' Chorus Party. Soloists, Misses N. Roxsell and B. Mercer. Choruses, Trio, Quartette, Solos.
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RAWSON HALL.—7.15 p.m., Rev. W. G. Taylor.
CONSECRATION SERVICE, Conference Hall, Castlereagh-street, TO-NIGHT, 7.30.

BALMAIN EAST, Darling-st.—Christmas Services, 11 and 7, Rev. E. E. Hynes. Appropriate music.

BOURKE-STREET METHODIST MISSION.
Rev. M. SCOTT-FLETCHER, M.A.
11, "The Christ of Prophecy;" 7, Xmas Music.
7.15, Christmas Song Service. Soloist, Mr. M. Hanna.

LEICHHARDT MISSION HALL, Wetherill-street.
11 and 7.15, Rev. W. F. Oakes.
Evening Subject: "When Jesus was Born."
Sp. Christmas Music, "Star of Bethlehem," Mr. Brown.
Men's Brotherhood, 2.45 p.m., Rev. J. Cosh, B.D., "The Ethics of Sport." Discussion. Men invited.

MOSMAN.—At 11 a.m., Rev. J. Spence; at 7 p.m., Rev. T. Parkes.

PADDINGTON.—11, Mr. Blakeley; 7, Rev. J. R. Carruthers, "A Visit to Bethlehem."

RANDWICK.—11, Rev. Amos; 7.15, Rev. B. Kew'ton; 11, Rev. R. Richard; 7.15, Mr. [illegible]

STANMORE Methodist Church.—11, Rev. C. J. Prescott, M.A.; 7, Rev. J. E. Moyle Taylor.

WILLIAM-ST.—Thanksgiving Sunday, 11 and 7.15 p.m., Rev. R. W. Briscombe [illegible]

WESLEY CHURCH, Regent-street, Chippendale.—11 a.m., Rev. A. Morris; 3, Brotherhood, "[illegible] Land and Sea," two Brothers; 7, Rev. A. R. Edgar, "Born—a Saviour." Anthems: "Hark, Hark, my Soul" (Shelley), "The Heavens are Telling" (Haydn). Messrs. L. Penman and O. Robson. Christmas Morning, 10 o'c., United Service, S.S.M.M. Rev. A. J. Burt, J. Tarn, W. W. Roper. Christmas Evening, Dec. 25th, "The Land and Life of Jesus," Lantern Lecture, Rev. A. J. Burt. Collection.

Baptist.

BAPTIST Church, Harris-st, city.—Rev. L. H. Field. Sunday, 11 and 7; Christmas Day, 11 a.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH, Burton-st, city.—Mr. J. H. Bennett, 11 a.m.; Mr. E. Iddles, 7 p.m. Communion.

BAPTIST CHURCH, PETERSHAM.—Rev. B. Garthrop, 11 and 7. Seats free. All welcome.

BATHURST-ST Church.—Rev. J. Barker. Morn., The True Incarnation; evg., The Rising of the Dayspring.

BURWOOD.—Rev. Hy. Clark. Morn. and Even. All seats free. All welcome.

DRUMMOYNE.—Masonic Hall, next P.O., Mr. A. Herbert, at 7 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.

DULWICH HILL.—Pastor Harrison, 11, Light and Joy; 7, Opened Heavens. Baptismal Service.

MARRICKVILLE.—Rev. J. Straughen. 11, An End to Fear; 7, Three Great Wonders.

MOSMAN Baptist Church, Military-rd.—Services, 11 a.m., Communion; 7 p.m., Pastor [illegible]

NEWTOWN.—11, Universal Peace; 7, Judging Ourselves and Others. Rev. J. R. Rapkins.

NORTH SYDNEY, Ernest-street tram stop.—Rev. D. Steed, 11 and 7; How Heaven met earth 1908 years ago.
Christmas Carols and Anthems.

PARTICULAR Baptist Church, Castlereagh-st.—Services, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Pastor F. [illegible]

STANMORE Baptist Church.—11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dr. Thomas Porter. Prayer Meetings, 7 and 10 a.m.

STRICT Baptist Church, Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-st.—Services, 11 and 7.15. Mr. [illegible]

WAVERLEY, Ebley-st.—Rev. G. P. Jones; 11, The Boyhood of Jesus; 7, The Incarnation. Spec. sing.

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ENMORE Tabernacle.—11 a.m., Mr. T. Bagley; 7 p.m., G. T. Walden. Sub., How to Keep Christmas.

PETERSHAM Tabernacle, Cannon-st.—11, Worship; 7, J. Clydesdale. Christmas Sermon.

PADDINGTON, PADDINGTON-STREET. 11, Worship; 7.15, A. E. ILLINGWORTH, "RELIGIOUS THEORIES." LORD'S DAY EVENING, 27th, T. BAGLEY (from Victoria).

Other Services, &c.

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AN IMPERIAL MARRIAGE.

BY A. W. MARCHMONT.

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CHAPTER XIV.—Continued.

I had to a certain extent compromised myself by not disclosing the posession of the ring to the police before I left the Jew's house, and the fears which had operated to prevent my doing so had no doubt been well grounded. But this did not prevent me from seeing plainly that my duty was to return and state all I knew and give up the evidence I had.

It was a difficult problem. On the one side there was Althea's happiness and all I cared for in life; on the other, the satisfaction of the demands of abstract justice and the punishment of a murderer.

I do not know how another man placed as I was would have acted, but I could not bring myself to make the necessary sacrifice. Let those blame me who will, but let them first try to put themselves in my position.

I resolved to try to use the knowledge I had for my own ends.

There were many difficulties in the way. The deed was not one which I could use to force the hands of von Felsen's friends. It was too heinous. They would not dare to attempt to condone it. What I had sought to obtain was the proof of some act of his which, falling far short of such a crime as this, would drive them to agree to my terms in order to save him from exposure and disgrace.

But I could use the power with von Felsen himself to force him to the commission of such an act; and with this intention I resolved to go straight to him now, using the message from Hagar as the reason for my visit.

I should have to act very warily and use the utmost caution in choosing the moment for showing my power.

I did not find him at his house, and at first this rather surprised me; but I knew the clubs he belonged to, and set off to make a round of them. Then I guessed his object. On such a night he would not dare to be alone; cunning would lead him to do all he could to be able to account for his time that night, should suspicion ever point in his direction.

I found him at the second effort, and sent in my name, saying that my business was of the greatest importance.

"I must speak to you in private," I told him when he came out with an assumption of irritation at my interruption of his pleasure. But it was easy to see that under the surface he was intensely wrought and uneasy.

"I don't know what you can want with me," he said, as he led me to a room where we could be alone.

"I have very grave news for you and a message. Herr Zeigler has been murdered tonight, and his daughter wishes you to go to her at once."

He had schooled himself carefully to hear the news when it came. "Murdered? Old Zeigler? Do you mean that, Herr Bastable?" he exclaimed.

"Certainly. I have just come from there," I kept my eyes on him closely, watching every gesture and expression.

"Good God!" he cried next, throwing up his hands, as if the significance of the news were just breaking in upon him. He acted well, but could not meet my eyes. "Tell me all about it."

"The police will tell you. They are at the house."

"Of course they would be," he said, keeping his head bent. Then, after a slight pause: "Have they any clue to the thing?"

"Yes. They know who did it."

I spoke very sharply, and the unexpectedness of the reply startled him out of the part he was playing. He glanced up quickly, his pale face and his eyes full of fear. "Whom do they suspect?"

"They do not suspect. They know," I replied, emphasising the last word.

Alarm robbed him of the power of speech for the instant. "I am glad to hear that," he said quite huskily. "Who was it?"

"Some of Zeigler's shady political associates. They were seen at the house."

His sigh of relief was too deep to escape me; it came straight from his heart. Before he answered he took out his case and lighted a cigarette. "By Jove, the news has shaken me up; see how my hand trembles." Cool to draw pointed attention to his own agitation.

"It couldn't shake much more if you had done the thing yourself."

The cigarette dropped from his fingers. "I don't know what the devil you mean. If it's a joke it's a devilish poor one."

"I was only wondering if you could have been more upset if you had done it," I replied, fixing him again with a steady stare.

Whether he had any suspicion of what lay behind the words I do not know, or whether some sense of danger nerved him to make an effort; but his manner underwent a sudden change, and he became callous and cynical. "I suppose you writing fellows affect that sort of experiment. If you can bring yourself down to plain facts perhaps you will give me some account of the affair."

"I should have thought you would be anxious to get to Fraulen Zeigler at once in such a case."

He laughed very unpleasantly. "Not if you knew how that girl bores me."

"You don't mean that you won't go to her?"

"What has it got to do with you?" He was fast recovering his self-composure. Voice and manner were steadier, as the belief strengthened that no suspicion would attach to him.

For a moment I hesitated whether to strike the blow that would bring him to my feet, and my fingers went to the ring in my pocket. But I resolved to wait. "It has nothing to do with me," I answered; "but as you are going to marry her to-morrow, and this blow has come at such a moment, you can understand how she needs the strength of your support."

"You don't suppose there can be any marriage to-morrow, surely! Of course the old man's death has altered everything—made that impossible, I mean."

"It would be like you to desert her at such a time; but she has all her father's papers, you know, and is not exactly the sort of girl to stand any fooling."

"She can do what she pleases, and so shall I," he answered with a shrug and a sneer. "Anyway, she can't be married on the day after such a thing."

I knew what he meant. He was not afraid of Hagar as he had been of her father. There would be no marriage if he could avoid it.

"Well, I have given you her message, and if you don't intend to go to her, it's your affair, not mine"; and I turned on my heel.

"You haven't told me how it happened?" he said quickly.

I turned for an instant. "You'll hear it all from the police, and will get their theory; and perhaps when you do hear it, you'll take my view that they are all wrong. I told them so to-night."

I just caught his quick glance of consternation at this as I swung round and went off. As I was crossing the hall I looked back and saw him standing leaning against the table in moody thought.

I walked home, thinking that the cool air would refresh me after the strain of the night's events. I was worn out, and sorely in need of sleep.

My sister was waiting for me with a very worried expression in her eyes.

"I began to fear something had happened again, Paul," she said.

"Something has happened, Bess; but I can't talk to-night. I'm as tired out as a hound after a hard day across country. I must get straight to bed."

"You look awfully worried, dear. Eat something; I'm sure you need it."

"You girls always seem to think that if a man can only be got to eat nothing else matters," I exclaimed fretfully.

"Well, try the prescription now at any rate," she replied with a bright smile. "And while you eat I have something to tell you."

"If it's anything in the shape of another worry keep it till the morning; if it will keep, that is."

"I'm afraid it won't, Paul," she said, with such a rueful air that I could not refrain from smiling.

"Well, I'll take your medicine, if only to please you;" and I sat down to the dainty little meal she had prepared. "What is it?"

"Eat something first," she insisted; and began to talk about a number of insignificant matters.

"Now tell me," I said at length.

"We have another visitor, Paul."

"Another what?" I cried, looking up quickly.

"Althea's father, Paul. The Baron von Ringheim."

"The deuce!"

"I didn't know what to do. I couldn't send him away, and I did so wish you would come home. He said he was in great trouble, and begged to be allowed to stay here for to-night at any rate. And he is in trouble, evidently."

"Where is he?"

"With Althea. They both asked me to send you up to them the moment you came in."

A pretty complication in truth. A leader of the Polish Irreconcilables in the house at such a time.

"I'll go to them," I said.

I went upstairs slowly, thinking how on earth to deal with so unwelcome a crisis. For Althea's sake the thing must be faced and her father sheltered somehow. But how?

Althea's voice called to me to enter when I knocked.

I opened the door, and then started back in dismay as I recognised in her companion the eldest of the three men whom I had seen an hour or two before in the murdered man's house.

For a moment I was literally struck dumb with amazement.

(To be continued.)

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE LIFE OF WHISTLER.

"The Life of James M'Neill Whistler" (Heinemann), by E. R. and J. Pennell, is a worthy tribute to the memory of a master. Beautifully produced, the publishers have spared nothing to make these two imposing volumes pass the most fastidious criticism. The authors have entered their work with almost religious zeal, and the long list of acknowledgments is some indication of the energy with which they have ransacked every corner for information. The numerous illustrations are themselves the best comment on Whistler's artfulness that has yet appeared. Like his own nocturnes in silver and grey, Whistler was a subtle simplicity, a primitive produce of fin-de-siecle culture. In the gentle art of making enemies he was a rival to the cavemen; in the less gentle art of making artists he was a rival to Ruskin. "Popularity," he once wrote, "is the last insult offered to genius," and with his tongue even more than with his brush he flouted the Philistines. One recalls the "Pall Mall Gazette" notice of his first public appearance as a lecturer on art. He told his fashionable audience that the slightest appearance among a civilised people of any joy in beautiful things is a grave impertinence to all painters; the only thing they should cultivate was ugliness, and on their permanent stupidity rested all the hopes of art. He stood there a miniature Mephistopheles, mocking the majority! Having made a holocaust of humanity, Mr. Whistler turned to nature, and in a few moments convicted her of the Crystal Palace, bank holidays, and an overcrowding of detail both in omnibuses and landscapes; and then, with singular eloquence, he spoke of dim dusks and dawns, when the mean facts of life are lost, and even factory chimneys look like campaniles in the silver air, for Mr. Whistler, though a master of persiflage, was also a master of painting. The two fine volumes before us are full of good things, which may be dipped for at random, though the story deserves to be read with a patient completeness. Whistler was born in 1834 at Lowell, Mass., though he himself was not sure of the fact, and imagined it might have been St. Petersburg. He had a good deal of trouble over his initials. He was christened J. A. W., an inappropriate combination from which he escaped—at West Point—by taking his mother's name, M'Neill. His first study in impressionism was accomplished at the age of four. It is here reproduced, and is rather too readily recognisable as a duck. But youth is always transparent. At nine he was taken to Russia, where he got his first lessons in drawing. In a few years it was feared he could not stand the Russian winters, and he was left in England. Sir William Boxall's fine portrait of him at 14 forms the frontispiece to the first volume. The death of the father changed the boy's mode of life; Mrs. Whistler settled at Pomfret, Connecticut, on a small income. At about 17 Whistler was sent to West Point, and he spent three years there —and was sent away for his deficient knowledge of chemistry. If silicon had happened to be a gas Whistler would have been a major-general. Instead he saw service in the coast survey; but his average attendance at the office was about six days a month. He had to etch plans and maps—the best training an etcher could have. At about 21 he resigned (1855) and went to Paris, where he fell among friends. The Latin Quarter supplies a plentiful stock of stories, and equally interesting is the account of Whistler's beginnings in London. We can watch the slow growth of nocturnes and portraits and the evolution of that wonderful butterfly signature—though actual art criticism is reserved for future volumes. The first exhibition of the Grosvenor Gallery in 1877 excited Ruskin's passionate resentment, and the most wonderful of libel actions followed. Ruskin was a popular prophet—and perhaps it is impossible to say a worse thing about him. The episode is copiously treated—though we like it best as it stands in "The Gentle Art of Making Enemies." Whistler got a farthing damages and went through the bankruptcy court. The stay in Venice followed, and the making of those pastels which raised another storm of praise and abuse. By 1880 he was back in London still fighting—but he was beginning to find defenders. The "Carlyle" made a deep impression on Scotland in 1884. It was in that year that Mr. Joseph Pennell met him, and henceforth the story (the second volume) is in the main written from personal recollections. The rise and fall of the "British Artists" carries us on to 1888. After then official honours and recognitions began to come from at home and abroad. In 1891 the "Carlyle" was at last bought by Glasgow, and "The Mother" went to Paris. "The Falling Rocket"—the subject Ruskin had declared a fraud on the public at 200 guineas—was sold to an American for 800. In 1892 he went to live in Paris, and worked busily for a couple of years. The Eden trial, however, and the death of Mrs. Whistler soon brought more troubles. To these last years belong Whistler's experiences as a teacher. To the young lady who assured him she was painting what she saw his answer was "The shock will come when you see what you paint." In 1900 it was agreed that the present authors should write the "Life"—an obligation which unhappily fell due three years later.

AN IMPRESSION OF EGYPT.

A sumptuously happy volume is "Egypt and its Monuments" (Hodder and Stoughton), in which Robert Hichens and Jules Guerin have collaborated. It is difficult to say whether the paintings of the last or the pen pictures of the first are the more characteristic. Together they make a delightful combination—and one as unusual as it is delightful. Why do you come to Egypt? The Sphinx will not ask you. The Pyramids still hold their secrets, but do not seek for yours. The terrific temples, the hot, mysterious tombs, odorous of the dead desires of men, crouching in and under the immeasurable sands, will mock you with their brooding silence, their dim and sombre repose. The brown children of the Nile, the toilers who sing their antique songs by the shadoof and the sakieh, the dragomans, the smiling goblin merchants, the Bedouins who lead your camel into the pale recesses of the dunes—these will not trouble about you. Yet Egypt has her response for the imaginative man—and Mr. Hichens is nothing if not imaginative. He does not fear to steep himself in the mystery of gold, the mystery of heat, the mystery of silence. He takes the lotus for his symbol, Horus the hawk-headed for his god. His description is perhaps rather overwrought—rather too obviously and determinedly fine—but undoubtedly it is fine in its careful way. He gives us carefully matured impressions of the Pyramids when the sunset turns them into gold, of the Sphinx looking out into the pallid night, conquering eternity; of Abydos and Karnak and Luxor; of the Colossi of Memnon; of the sacred isle of Philae. And with a wonderful boldness born of transparent skies, the artist reveals the passionate glow of Egypt. Here, for instance, is the grey Hall of Abydos, grim with gigantic columns, framing a cloud of fire; or Philae, an arrangement in yellow and blue; or Medinet-Abu, a nocturne in gold and green. If there is a certain monotony of colour effect, it is the monotony of Egypt—for Egypt is a country of one colour and one call; only the night brings silver in place of gold. It will be gathered that there is little science and less archeology in Mr. Hichens's book. He might have conveniently told us a great deal had he wished; but he frankly discards knowledge in quest of a temperament, and his readers who wish to enjoy him must do so too.

ON SAFARI.

Those whose delight in big-game hunting is mingled with an intelligent love of birds will find Mr. Abel Chapman's "On Safari" (Arnold) a fascinating book. British East Africa is still for the most part virgin hunting ground. To its three-quarters of a million square miles it has a white population of about 3000. How rich in fauna the territory is is shown by the fact that Mr. Chapman and his brother brought home fifty different species of big game from their three trips. There are, for instance, forty varieties of antelope three great pachyderms, giraffes and zebras, elephants and lions. There is also a strange bovine antelope, the bongo, and a giant forest-hog. The narrative is brilliantly written, and is crowded with exciting incident. Safari is not the name of a mountain or river or lake, as the uninitiated may erroneously suppose, but it is a native generic epithet for a mobilised hunting expedition. The first hunting was in the Rift Valley—part of the old-time geological fissure that bisects East Africa from north to south. Four hundred miles from the coast, in fact, the Uganda railway drops nearly two thousand feet in a mile or two, and after traversing the floor of the "Equatorial Trench" forty miles across, rises rapidly to an altitude of 8000ft on the Mau Plateau. The party camped on the Enderit River, which runs into one of the great lake basins of the depression. They were practically astride the equator, but there were few signs of their tropical locality—no palms, no tree-ferns, no monkeys. The landscape was almost British. Only when the carnivora began to assemble was the illusion destroyed. Lions were numerous, and hippos with pink cheeks lay in the shallows. One successful drive resulted in the death of three lionesses. At Baringo elephants were heard of, and the hunters had an exciting time with one, but unluckily he escaped. An account of a day in camp is very well done, and will give a good idea of the joys and sorrows of "on Safari." Later on the party were more successful after elephants, and some striking photographs illustrate their kills. Bird and beast are brought together in an interesting chapter, which narrates how certain birds make it their business to warn big game of their danger. There is a good appendix giving a catalogue of the birds of East Africa. Mr. Chapman has produced one of the best hunting books of recent years, while his thorough knowledge of bird-life adds a novel element, which, however, never strikes one as incongruous.

KNOWN TO THE POLICE.

Mr. Thomas Holmes, secretary to the Howard Association, has produced a moving book in "Known to the Police" (Arnold). For a quarter of a century Mr. Holmes has been acquiring an intimate knowledge of the underworld of London. The marvel is that it has not made him a pessimist. The goodness of the poor astonishes and rebukes him, and he has the best of reasons for knowing that not all the rich neglect their duties to the less fortunate. He is no longer a police court missionary, a position that he resigned four years ago; but he still devotes his life to London's poorest toilers, and the profits of this book, like those of a former volume, are dedicated to the support of a home for poor women. After his twenty-five years' comparative study, Mr. Holmes concludes that we drink less but steal more. There is a serious significance in his no doubt correct remark that the criminal type has deteriorated. It is cleaner and better dressed, less prone to crimes of violence, but all the more clearly the class into which weakness gravitates, or, shall we say, is shoved by society? Although he is a "born optimist," Mr. Holmes is afraid of this growing dishonesty, which he thinks is destined to be worse than drink and gambling in its effects. Mr. Holmes chronicles his memories with refreshing directness. His chapter on "Burglars I Have Met" is decidedly uncomplimentary to the burglars. He says they have as much pluck as a guinea-pig; though here and there you meet with one who is worthy of a thrilling and theatrical profession. On his side the policeman depends rather on luck than cunning. Mr. Holmes has an amusing story of a six-foot member of the force who once by sheer luck captured three burglars red-handed. His praises were sung in the papers, a grateful public subscribed liberally to a testimonial, and Mr. Holmes offered to give him lessons in spelling. It was all no use. He could not repeat his first success, and his only subsequent achievement was to arrest the innocent—a glory that was short-lived. Mr. Holmes is righteously angry at the mischief done by police court marriages. Romance that begins in ruins ends in repudiation. One police court missionary boasted that he had arranged seventy such evil unions —indeed, he kept a wedding ring to loan out. Naturally, few men have a better knowledge of the discharged prisoner than has Mr. Holmes. He finds him still an unsolved problem. Another subject with which he is very intimate is the housing of the poor, and here again he seems to find very little room for his constitutional optimism. Much more cheerful is the chapter on heroism in the slums—there is plenty of it. In its simple sincerity the book is thoroughly convincing, and we should think no one could read it without being driven to serious thought.

BUDDHIST ESSAYS.

In "Buddhist Essays" (Macmillan) Paul Dahlke produced an exposition that well deserved its present translation from the German. It is the outcome of a close study of Buddhist literature and of much contact with native scholars. The author is in thorough sympathy with the creed he expounds. He gives an excellent little sketch of the life of the Buddha, and invests the thrice-told story with no little freshness. Buddhism Paul Dahlke regards as the completest conceivable victory of mankind over itself, and certainly there is no philosophy more logically constructed—philosophy, for it can hardly be described as a religion. Less than any other has it suffered from the poison of hypothesis, because less than any other has it concerned itself with origins beyond human ken. The conception of life as sorrow runs like a skein of scarlet through all Indian philosophy, and the Eastern religions offer an escape not from the grave, but from rebirth. The Buddhist reverses all the canons of the Western idealism. His faith even is knowledge, and to begin to be a Buddhist you have no need to believe in Buddha. Philosophy is reduced to the simplest of business transactions. Universal sorrow is the universal fact. In resolute renunciation is the one escape from the sorrow that is born of action; there is doubt about neither the price nor the commodity of peace. And this entire lack of dogmas explains why the whole history of Buddhism has been free from fanaticism. Paul Dahlke combats the inaccurate view that Buddhism is pessimism, and he gives an excellently reasoned exposition of Nirvana. Among other points that want a good deal of clearing up after much popular distortion he puts in a clear light the philosophical significance of Karma. He discusses the practical application of Buddhism to morality very keenly, and closes with a sound sketch of the historical development which has resulted in the countless Buddhist sects of the present day. Those who want to know precisely what Buddhism is will find Paul Dahlke a sure guide to the Eight-Fold Path.

SCIENCE PROGRESS.

We receive from Mr. John Murray, through George Robertson, the October issue of "Science Progress." This important quarterly, begun in July 1906, is still far too little known in Australia. Managed by a committee which includes Sir William Ramsay, Sir Arthur Rucker, and leading men in every field of scientific work, it is the only publication in English which gives a summary of science progress sufficiently full and accurate for the specialist who wishes to keep abreast of work outside his own province, and not too far over the head of the general reader who has had some elementary science teaching. There is any number of publications for original work in one science or another; but only the specialist can read them with profit, or, indeed, nowadays, understand them at all. Hence the necessity for such a review as "Science Brogress," and the plain duty of those who take an interest in science to give it their support. The October issue has articles on heredity and radium, as discussed at Dublin, on the natural history of helium, on artificial modifications in bird-colour, a summary up to date of our knowledge of Rontgen rays, and several other equally interesting papers. A portion of the space is now set aside for reviews of scientific literature.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

Blackie and Sons are pre-eminently the boys' own publishers. Their Christmas output of thrilling stories, gorgeous in green and gold, is always anxiously looked for—and it never disappoints expectations. These books are always remarkable for their finish down to the last detail of the paper wrapper, and they make the handsomest and most acceptable gifts imaginable. Among the favourite authors, Mr. Alex. Macdonald is to the fore with two vigorous stories. "The White Trail" is based on his early experiences in the Klondike. The hunt for gold amid ice and snow makes the subject of a desperate narrative. Much of what is written is almost genuine history, and the picture is most graphic. "The Island Traders" tells how a secret expedition set out from Circular Quay to annex a group of South Sea Islands the Germans were after. There is plenty of wild adventure before the Union Jack floats proudly over the new possession, and the local colour ought to specially appeal to Australian boys. Staff-Surgeon Jeans writes with a full knowledge of the modern warship, and he makes "Mr. Midshipman Glover" a realistic study of life on one of them, which was lent to the Chinese to root out some rascally pirates—up-to-date pirates, too, for they had a torpedo flotilla, and it took the squadron all its time, and a desperate fight, to dismantle their forts. Another naval yarn is Henry Collingwood's "A Middy in Command." Richard Greville is a midshipman with a slave squadron on the West African coast. He is given charge of a captured slaver, is attacked by pirates, and has the most hair-raising adventures before the close of the volume. Captain Brereton gives us a South American excitement in "Rough-riders of the Pampas," wherein we meet raiding Indians, rough brigands, fascinating cowboys, and marvellous horses. Through all this the young hero moves delighted and undismayed—his name was Dudley Compton. Blackie and Sons do not neglect the girls, either, and for them a pretty story is Evelyn Sharp's "The Hill that Fell Down." A charming picture book from the same publishers is "The Rabbit's Day in Town," and the "Children's Annual" is one of the brightest we have seen. For older folk, we must mention the exquisite little volumes of their "Red Letter Library" —poetry and prose—which have a distinction and elegance so far not surpassed.

Two more of Jack's "Grandmothers' Favourites" reach us—Catherine Sinclair's "Holiday House," and Mrs. Sherwood's "Margot and the Golden Fish." The whole series is quite delightful.

Cassell and Co. forward the 1908 volume of "Chums." This illustrated paper for boys has achieved a wonderful popularity, and besides the three long complete serial stories, it provides an immense mass of racy reading, and a collection of pictures exciting enough to tempt even a reviewer to stop and read. Although thoroughly healthy, "Chums" avoids the moralising attitude adopted by some other boys' papers, and perhaps it is just as well. There are a number of splendidly-coloured plates.

SHORTER NOTICES.

In Macmillan's "Miniature" reprints of Lewis Carroll's works the last volume is "Through the Looking-glass," with the 50 original illustrations by John Tenniel. Tastefully bound in red and printed on good paper, the series show that the advent of this important house into the region of shilling reprints is worthy its great reputation.

A charming little volume is "The Rose-winged Hours" (Arnold), an anthology of English love lyrics, chosen by St. John Lucas, who, it will be remembered, edited the "Oxford Book of French Verse." The selection includes W. B. Yeats, Francis Thompson, Arthur Symons, Alfred Douglas, and runs back to Marlowe.

The exquisite "books of devotion" issued by the Cambridge University Press have been enriched by the addition of "Blaise Pascal's Thoughts" in a selection by Moritz Kaufmann.

The publication in parts of Jack's "Wild Beasts of the World" and "Beautiful Flowers" is completely fulfilling the promise of the first numbers, and those who have not seen them should not miss the first opportunity of doing so. Uniform with these is a new series, "The National Gallery," which will include a hundred plates in colour, with letterpress comment. The work in Part I. is as fine as the publishers of "Masterpieces in Colour" have led us to expect.

Some readers will be interested in "Towards the Light," a mystical poem by the Princess Mary Karadja. It is the autobiography of a suicide, who finds after killing the body that the thinking self remains. He has in the spirit-world the painful experiences he deserved. The poem was "written down," we are to believe, at the dictation of the spirit in question.

May Watkins' "As the World Wags" is a pleasant locally printed booklet; and R. B., E. S., Grace, and Elred Parry combine to present us with "Koree," a Christmas greeting in prose and verse. Newnes' "Twenty-five True Tales of Adventure" is an acceptable shilling's worth, and the serious-minded may find satisfaction in Dr. Abramowski's views on diet, as set forth in "Eating for Health." (Lothian.)

DRAUGHTS.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.M., Moore Park.—Your first solution is certainly the best. Thanks. Correct solutions from C. Thomas, J. Peters, J. Wilson, J. Boyce, Con. D., J. Brown, and F. Turner.

PROBLEM No. 1151.

By H. D. Lyman (U.S.A.).
Black Kings, 6 and 27.
White Men—17, 26. King on 28.
White to play and win.

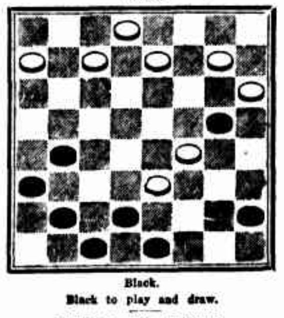
(a)17—14 (b)26—22 23—19 14—10
27—31 31—27 27—23 W. wins.

(a) 17—13 allows a draw; (b) 26—22, etc., draws.

PROBLEM No. 1152.

(An End Game, by J.R.S.)

White.



Black.

Black to play and draw.

GAME No. 1192.—Edinburgh.

Played between Messrs. T. Ryan and John Bradford in their match for 50 dollars in New York.

Ryan Moved.

9—13	26—17	12—16	21—14	8—3	12—8
a23—18	11—15	20—11	27—23	32—27	20—24
5—9	18—11	7—16	19—16	3—8	25—22
24—20	8—15	8—3	23—19	27—23	18—25
10—14	23—19	14—18	16—12	18—12	30—21
27—23	4—8	3—8	9—13	6—9	24—27
7—10	31—26	16—20	11—18	25—21	8—11
28—24	8—11	24—19	13—17	9—18	27—23
3—7	26—23	27—31	16—23	21—14	14—10
32—28	15—18	8—11	18—27	2—6	6—15
1—5	19—15	31—27	12—8	29—25	11—18
22—17	18—27	17—14	27—32	23—19	etc.
13—22	15—6	10—17	Drawn.		

(a) Balloted opening.

GAME No. 1193.—Flora Temple.

By the late James Wyllie.

11—15	32—28	1—10	20—16	31—27	15—10
22—18	10—14	18—15	8—12	11—16	20—16
15—22	19—16	10—19	16—11	27—23	10—6
25—18	12—19	23—16	15—19	30—25	16—11
12—16	24—15	4—8	23—16	23—27	6—1
29—25	7—10	26—23	12—19	16—19	11—15
9—13	27—24	8—11	11—7	27—23	25—22
24—19	20—27	16—7	19—24	19—23	15—10
16—20	31—24	2—11	7—2	32—28	22—19
28—24	10—19	28—24	24—27	22—18	10—7
8—12	24—15	3—8	2—7	28—24	1—6
25—22	6—10	24—20	27—31	18—15	White
5—9	15—6	11—15	7—11	24—20	wins.

NOTES.

The Championship of Malta.—A match, the best of eight games, was recently played for the championship of Malta, between the old Northumbrian player, Hugh M'Manus, Valetta, and P.O.I. S. J. Neal, H.M.S. Dragon, late of Plymouth. The event created considerable interest in local naval and civilian circles. Neal won the first game, but was outclassed afterwards, M'Manus securing the second, sixth, and seventh, and thus retaining the title.

English draughts experts will note with interest that while the two-move restriction has been adopted by Barker and Drouillard, the old-time rule—five minutes a move—is retained.

Mr. W. K. Campbell, the noted London expert, gave an exhibition of simultaneous play at the Clapham, D.C. a few weeks ago. He contested a total of 21 games against strong opponents, of which he won 13, lost 1, and 7 were drawn.

In the preface to his new work, "The Literature of Checkers," Mr. W. T. Call remarks draughts is played in every English-speaking community in the world.

Mr. Alexander, of Birmingham, the English expert, paid a visit to South Wales lately, and met all-comers. He lost one game to Mr. Ingham.

A move is being made in Victoria to get up an Australasian tournament for the championship.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

The principal theatrical event of last month in London seems to have been the production of Alfred Sutro's new play, "The Builder of Bridges," at St. James's Theatre (November 12). It is favourably described as "drawing-room melodrama with a comedy air, and written with a charming literary touch. It has scenes of palpitating interest, and it is entertaining from beginning to end." The title refers to Edward Thursfield, a great engineer, who has returned to London after a lifetime abroad. He at once falls into the toils of a captivating girl, Dorothy, whose brother has embezzled £3000 of the firm which employs the hero, and has nefariously debited it to one of his great bridges. Dorothy's scheme is to win the love of the simple engineer, and persuade him to square accounts, and in doing this she falls in love herself. Her next step is to jilt her own young man, which she hopes to manage by asking for the £3000. He hesitates, and is dismissed, and then he raises the money, but contrives to blurt out the whole story to the civil engineer. This is too much for the hero, and he decides to return to Rhodesia, confident that it will prove easier to harness the Falls than the average woman. However, there is a very theatrical ending, delighted in by the audience, and denounced by the critics, in which Dorothy, with the aid of an old photograph inscribed with proof of her devotion, satisfies the hero that, £3000 or no £3000, she loved him all along, and so they journey off together. Mr. George Alexander and Miss Irene Vanbrugh played the chief parts in "The Builder of Bridges," which is "tipped" for a long run.

Mme. Melba's farewell attracted nearly 10,000 people on November 7 to the Royal Albert Hall, and it is generally admitted that a similar matinee attendance has not been seen in the building for years. The papers unite in pronouncing the diva in perfect voice, and in "Ah, fors e lui" she exhibited "that purity of style which marks her out as an epoch-making artist." The agreement as to the encore which immediately followed is by no means as unanimous, the "Daily Telegraph" quoting "Comin' thro' the Rye," and the "Morning Leader" naming the valse-air "Se Saran Rose." The assisting artists were Herr Wilhelm Backhaus (pianist), Mr. Szigeti (violinist), Mr. John M'Cormack (tenor), Mr. Frederick Ranalow (baritone), and the London Symphony Orchestra under Mr. Landon Ronald, whose new song-cycle "Summertime" was introduced by the great singer. One of these artists, Mr. Ranalow, according to a recent cablegram, is to join Mme. Melba on her tour of Australia early next year, under Mr. John Lemmone's management. Some idea of his vocal style is afforded by a remark that he sang "with plenty of warmth," which appears in the "Morning Post," but as a general rule the supporting artists are not reviewed at all. The enormous attendance at the Albert Hall is attributed to the remarkable fact that Mme Melba, after creating a record amongst the singers of history by starring for 20 consecutive seasons at Covent Garden Operahouse, will not appear again in England until 1910. The diva is by this time in New York, where her grand opera engagements will be with the company directed by Mr. Oscar Hammerstein. Mme. Melba, according to American advices, will not sing in concert in the Eastern States; but her manager, Mr. C. A Ellis, of Boston, is considering the possibility of a tour on the Pacific Coast similar to the one planned for her in 1904-5. In any case her due date at Perth is understood to be early in March.

The Public Schools' Amateur Athletic Association is organising a testimonial to Herr Hugo Alpen, the popular Director of Music in the Education Department, upon his retirement after "directly and indirectly instructing tens of thousands of boys and girls in the art of sight singing from the staff notation." It is probable that this movement will be more heartily supported than most others of the same kind, inasmuch as it has been Herr Alpen's good fortune to be identified with the half-hour of sunshine which lightens the clouds that settle over the little scholars during lesson-time. But apart from this sentimental consideration, the retiring musician understood how to win the confidence and the attention of masses of children, and his talent for conducting large choirs was united with melodic gifts as a composer. Although Herr Alpen is as active and energetic as ever, his Australian career dates back a long way, as he joined the department in 1873. His first public appearances were at the Sydney International Exhibition of 1879 (the Garden Palace), where he gave bi-weekly pianoforte recitals in the German Court. Herr Alpen's first Sydney composition was a cantata, scored for full orchestra, for the opening of the Glebe Town Hall, since which time his most important works of the same character have been for the opening of the First Australian Children's Exhibition, the Patriotic Cantata for the Centennial celebrations, for the farewell to Lord and Lady Carrington, for the inauguration of the Commonwealth, and for Empire Day (a setting of Lady Jersey's "Song of Empire"). This forms the lasting record of a singularly busy career, the labour of which has been lightened by the esteem alike of colleagues and children. In this way the response to the testimonial movement, with Mr. J. H. Strong (Education Department) and Mr. W. M. Broome (Stanmore) as hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively, is likely to prove correspondingly cordial.

Melbourne's essentially Christmas productions, anticipating the festival by a week, will be staged this evening, when Mr. J. C. Williamson's company will appear in "Jack and Jill" at Her Majesty's Theatre, under Mr. Gerard Coventry's stage direction; and Messrs. Meynell and Gunn will put up "Cinderella" at the Theatre Royal, under Mr. C. A. Wenman's stage management. In both cases strong casts seem to have been secured. The characters of Jack and Jill fall to Stella Gastelle (seen here in a girl's part only as Serpolette, but a noted principal boy in the English provinces), and Fanny Dango, whilst the second boy and girl will be Stella Selbourne (in Mr. J. F. Sheridan's Sydney pantomime last year) and Olga Grey. The comedians will include Messrs. Bert Gilbert, J. M. Campbell (an English artist of some note in dame characters), Harry Shine, Victor Loydall, Morris and Wilson (animal impersonators), Walter Stanton (the bird impersonator of last year's pantomime at the London Lyceum), and other artists, with Miss Nance Maher as Fairy Queen. The musical conductor is Mr. Hal. Campbell, newly returned after eight years' lyric experience in America. The Cinderella at the rival house will be Miss Ruth Lincoln, with Roland Bottomley (baritone) as Prince Dandini, William Cromwell as the Baron, Edwin Brett as Tiny (Baroness), Jennie Opie, Essie Perrin, and Emmeline Orfo I as the sisters, Tom Payne as the page (Capers), Helen Rose (the Gibson Girl) as Duke of Whistbridge, and Meredith Meredro, the second boy of last year's Drury Lane pantomime, as Prince Casimir.

Mme. Ada Crossley and her concert party have been touring Victoria during the past week, and are now crossing the border for engagements at Albury, Wagga, and Goulburn, arriving here in good time for their concert at the Town Hall on Christmas Night. The annual performance of the "Messiah" by the Sydney Philharmonic Society will take place this year in the afternoon of that day. The star contralto and her party have a busy time before them, as on Saturday (the day after the concert) they sail for New Zealand, where Mr. J. C. Williamson has arranged a long tour, opening at Dunedin on January 2.

M. Maurice Maeterlinck, whose last play was "Monna Vanna," unless the libretto for the opera "Ariane et Barbebleue" be counted, is, if "Comoedia" be correct, now at work on a drama which touches upon far-reaching questions. "Marie Madeleine" will be a play of clashing religions, and the two faiths opposed will be Christianity and the austerest doctrine to which the ancient Pagan world arrived, Stoicism. The drama will probably be brought out in book form before being acted on the stage.

Dr. Francis Warner, speaking at the Infants' Health Exhibition, said that the hands and feet of little children should not be wrapped up, but left free for movement. The brain development of a child was first displayed in the movements of its fingers and toes, and those movements ought not to be stopped.

CHESS.

Hon. secretaries of chess clubs are invited to furnish news of general interest. Unpublished games and original problems in diagram (which should be accompanied by analysis) are always acceptable.

"HERALD" FOURTEENTH TOURNEY.
PROBLEM No. 1140.—"Wanderer."

Black, 9 pieces.

White, 12 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Forsyth Notation Modified.—4R, 2b, 1B, 1p, 7PqQNpK, 4P, 1p, 1pp, 7PPk, 1pP, 1R, 10N, 3.

Key.—Counting from Black's QR square, the initial letter of piece is put for the square occupied thereby. Numerals denote intervening blank squares. Black pieces in small type.

"HERALD" FOURTEENTH TOURNEY.
PROBLEM No. 1141.—"Philomel."

Black, 8 pieces.

White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Forsyth Notation Modified.—12pN, 4ppB, 3p, 6RP, 3k, 6pPn, 6RKn, 2Q, 6.

Key.—Counting from Black's QR square, the initial letter of piece is put for the square occupied thereby. Numerals denote intervening blank squares. Black pieces in small type.

PROBLEM No. 1134.—"The Unexpected."

Key: BB2.

Correct solutions: E. J. Stenning, F. R. Smith, Once More, F. C. Freeman, Nemo, Black Bishop, J. G. Hilton, H. Roper, H. Porter, O. Hegman, H. Beechey, E. M. Fry, J. Harvey, A. Mosely, A. E. Vore.

PROBLEM No. 1135.—"Vagabond."

Key: RB6.

Correct solutions from: F. R. Smith, Once More, Nemo, Black Bishop, J. G. Hilton, H. Roper, H. Porter, H. Beechey, E. M. Fry, J. Harvey, A. Mosely, A. E. Vore.

Correct solutions not above mentioned have reached us too late to score in tourney. They will, however, be acknowledged in our next issue.

NOTES.

Our Fourteenth Problem Tourney: A belated problem from Germany (motto "Sydney") has come to hand. In the ordinary course it would have been held for our next tourney. Unfortunately the condition as to anonymity was not observed, and the problem is accordingly disqualified.

The Moscow Championship Tourney.—The result and scores are as follows:—(1) Nenarskov, 7½; (2) Blumenfeld, 6½; (3) Goutscharov, 5½; (4) Dus Chotimirski, 4½.

Correspondence Chess.—Mr. A. Mosely, Royal Bank, Brisbane, will be pleased to find an opponent. Doubtless some of our readers will be happy to meet his wishes.

The "B.C.M." for November, referring to the recent Lasker-Tarrasch match, says, "the fact remains that in the majority of the games, 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, Tarrasch had attained a winning, or at least a superior position. . . . The first thing to strike the theorist is that with the advance of theory the advantage of the first move becomes more and more palpable, even unpleasantly so. In the ramparts of the defence this match has made immense breaches. Neither Lasker nor Tarrasch has found a really satisfactory reply to 1. PK4."

Mr. F. A. L. Kuskop, of New Zealand, secured hon. mention in a strong field in the recent Liverpool "Courier" tourney.

Football and Field Problem Tourney.—Mr. F. Gamage (Westboro', Mass.) secured first prize for two movers, and Mr. Worters (Canterbury) for three-movers.

SYDNEY SUBURBAN CHESS UNION.

Sydney School of Arts v Manly.

(A Grade.)

Sydney School of Arts.—(1) Mr. Bradshaw, 0; (2) Mr. Davies, 1; (3) Mr. Volckman, ½; (4) Mr. Calvert, ½; (5) Mr. Bruce, 0. Total, 2.

Manly.—(1) Mr. S. Crakanthorp, 1; (2) Mr. L. S. Crakanthorp, 0; (3) Mr. Gaukrodger, ½; (4) Mr. Stevens, ½; (5) Mr. Tom, 1. Total, 3.

Sydney School of Arts v St. John's.

(C Grade.)

Sydney School of Arts.—(1) Mr. Mair, 1; (2) Mr. Savage, 1; (3) Mr. Wood, 1; (4) Mr. Dewarre, 1; (5) Mr. Coombs, 1. Total, 5.

St. John's.—(1) Absent, 0; (2) Absent, 0; (3) Mr. Wotton, 0; (4) Mr. Redman, 0; (5) Mr. Cimis, 0. Total, 0.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

The sixteenth and final game played in the match for the championship of the world:—

White, Tarrasch. Black, Lasker.

RUY LOPEZ (Four Knights Variation).

1.	PK4	PK4	14.	QKtK2	BKKt5
2.	KtKB3	KtQB3	15.	RB3(e)	BxR
3.	BKt5	KtB3	16.	PxB	PKB4 (f)
4.	KtB3	BKt5	17.	QQ3	PB5
5.	Castles.	Castles(a)	18.	BB4ch	KR
6.	PQ3	PQ3	19.	KR	PQKt4
7.	BKt5	BK3	20.	BKt3	PxP
8.	PQ4(b)	PxP	21.	QxP	QxQ
9.	KtxP	PKR3(c)	22.	PxQ	QRK
10.	BKR4	KtK4	23.	KtxP	RxP
11.	PB4	BQB4	24.	KtKt3	QRK
12.	BxKt(d)	QxB	25.	RQ(g)	RB7
13.	PxKt	QxP	26.	KtQ4(h)	BxKt
	Resigns				

Time: White, 1h 53m; Black, 1h 56m.

Notes by Mr. J. H. Blackburne.

(a) On this occasion the champion adopted the orthodox move, instead of PQ3 as in the twelfth game.

(b) This looks a little premature; perhaps it was all right, but KtK2, intending PB3 and PQ4, was preferable.

(c) Giving White the opportunity of winning a pawn as follows:—10. KtxKt, PxKt; 11. BxKt, QxB; 12. BxP, BxKt; 13. PxB, QRKtsq; 14. QQ4, leaving White a pawn to the good, but whether it would have been enough to win with was another matter.

(d) The temptation to win a piece proved irresistible, perhaps a quiet move, like 12. KRsq would have been better, for in reply Black played QKtKt5, then 13. RB3 with a fair game. The plausible looking move, 12. KtK2, was unsatisfactory on account of PKt4 followed by KtxP. There was also another variation which could have been played without disadvantage—viz., 12. PxKt, PxP; 13. BxKt, BxKt ch; 14. KR sq, PxB; 15. KtQ5, BxKt; 16. PxB, BxP; 17. BQKt sq; and although a few pawns down, White would soon have obtained a powerful attack on the king's quarters.

(e) Of course something was necessary at this point, for Black threatended to regain the piece by BxQKt.

(f) A very forcible move, difficult for White to parry, and no doubt the defence selected was as good as any.

(g) Dr. Tarrasch thinks that he had a winning advantage here; that, however, is a matter of opinion. Certainly some effort would have been necessary before that stray knight could be brought back into play, and probably PQR3 or 4 would have been the best way.

(h) And thus ended the great match for the championship of the world. As will be seen from the time printed at the foot of the game, both players had only a few minutes in which to complete their 30 moves in two hours. No doubt the tension from about the ninth move was very great, and this would account for Dr. Tarrasch overlooking the mate in two if 27. RxB. Universal sympathy has been expressed to the loser for the oversight, but these things will happen, even in championship matches.—"Times Weekly."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. Harvey: Noted with thanks. A. Mosely: Noted. Pleased to see you are desirous of playing games by correspondence. We have mentioned the fact, and doubtless you will soon hear from prospective opponents. F. R. Smith: Many thanks for your kind congratulations.

LIFE IN LONDON AND THEREABOUT.

(CHRONICLED BY HENRY W. LUCY.)

Premier's Speech at Guildhall—Amazement of Opposition Press to find it "Patriotic"—Frank Lockwood's Drawings—A Precious Scrap Book—The Late Lord Salisbury's Indiscretions—Mr. Arthur Balfour's Little Joke—A Window in Thrums.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 15.

There would be something comical, if it had not a gravely serious aspect, in the attitude of the Opposition press in their commentary on the Prime Minister's speech on Lord Mayor's Day. Out of their inner consciousness they have evolved a Government hostile to the vital interests of the Empire. Day after day, through varied phases, they have been unremitting in the habit of holding Ministers up to their countrymen at home and to keen onlookers abroad as bent upon reducing the army to a condition of impotence, of starving the navy, of cringing to foreign Powers, and (though this cry has dropped of late) of being criminally careless of the interests of the colonies.

Mr. Asquith's speech at Guildhall took no notice of these party attacks. It became his duty on this annual occasion to review the state of things at home and abroad, and to indicate the fixed policy of his Majesty's Government with relation to them. There was nothing new in the speech beyond turns given to it by the charm of simple oratory. He treated of the Balkan troubles, of the relations of Britain and Germany, dealing with both delicate topics in a manner that has elicited a tribute of unanimous applause in the press of St. Petersburg, Vienna, Constantinople, Berlin, and Paris. Coming to the navy, he said: "Governments come and go; Parliamentary and electoral majorities wax and wane, but there is one conviction which the people of these islands hold with unshaken unanimity, that in the maintenance, unquestioned and unquestionable, of our command of the seas is to be found the best safeguard alike for our interests as a nation and for the peaceful intercourse of mankind."

There is, as I have said, nothing new in all this. It has been said many times before in varied terms, and, what is more important, has been lived up to by actual achievement. The novelty appears in the columns of the Opposition press. One, the most vehement and vindictive in its attempt to lower the authority of the King's Government at home and abroad, gives bald headlines to what it hails as "a patriotic speech that will rally to the support of the British Government all Englishmen without distinction of party." This is all very well. But, as long experience testifies, they will be at the old game again next week, or at latest the week after.

The pen-and-ink drawings of the late Sir Frank Lockwood are preserved in the collections of many of his friends. The most fortunate in this respect is the Lord Chief Justice, who had the good fortune to come into possession of a unique portfolio. It originally belonged to Mr. Justice Hawkins, who spared neither pains nor, where it was attractive, money in completing it. When the goods and chattels of the famous Judge came to the hammer these drawings figured among the lots in the catalogue. Looking through them, the Lord Chief Justice found several which, well enough in the hands of friends and reserved for private circulation, could not fail from their humorous but free treatment to give pain to some eminent and estimable people. He called the attention of the executors to the matter, and they, agreeing with him, withdrew the portfolio from the public sale. When the estate was disposed of they wrote to the Chief Justice offering to present him, as one of Lockwood's oldest friends, with the collection. The gift was cordially accepted, and the collection is in safe keeping.

The familiar story about the late Marquis of Salisbury meeting Mr. Walter Long in the street and asking who he was seems apocryphal. It runs to the effect that one day when the Marquis, then Premier, was walking up St. James'-street, with the Bishop of London, the President of the Board of Agriculture passing them, raised his hat, the salutation being acknowledged by the Bishop. "Who is your rubicund friend?" Lord Salisbury is reported to have asked. "Well, my lord," said the amazed Bishop, "I really thought you would know an old colleague, a member of your Cabinet." This is almost unbelievable. But I have heard two stories told by another member of Lord Salisbury's last Administration which go some way towards confirming it. At a crowded Foreign Office party given in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday, a gentleman passed Lord Salisbury, who was in conversation with a friend. The Premier looked at him curiously, as though there was something familiar about the face. "Who's that?" he asked. "That," said the friend, "is Mr. Flavel, one of your lordship's private secretaries." "Ah," said Lord Salisbury. "I have seen him hovering about my room of a morning; but I thought his name was Fowler." (Flavel, by the way, was not the gentleman's real name, but it is near enough.)

One day Mr. Arthur Balfour and Mr. John Morley, meeting on the steps of the Athenaeum, walked together in the direction whither the leader of the House of Commons was bent in obedience to a summons to a Cabinet meeting. As they parted at the Foreign Office, where Cabinet councils were then held, Mr. Balfour laughingly said, "You had better come in. I am sure Lord Salisbury will not notice you." Mr. Morley did not try the experiment. But the jest indicates familiarity with the curious and somewhat disabling peculiarity of a great statesman.

Among the literary shrines that have established themselves in modern times is a cottage in Kirriemuir. The world best knows Kirriemuir as Thrums, a weaver's hamlet in the Highlands of Scotland, which J. M. Barrie has peopled with homely but immortal characters. "A Window in Thrums" is the title of the work that established his fame as a novelist. In the course of the year thousands of people, a large proportion Americans, make their way to Kirriemuir, and ask to be shown the "one-story house at the top of the brae, whose whitewashed walls, streaked with the discolouration that rain leaves, look yellow when the snow comes." It would never do for Kirriemuir to baulk curiosity in this respect. Accordingly, a cottage has been selected, duly whitewashed, a window pierced in the attic, and bald announcement made that this is the house of "A Window in Thrums." The visitor duly inspects it, buys a model, which serves as a screen for a nightlight, and otherwise pays tribute to the tenant of the famous residence.

Being in Kirriemuir the other day, I was let into the secret that the whitewashed cottage is, in respect of reality, even as a whited sepulchre. The real window in Thrums, at which Jess sat and watched the coming and going of her neighbours, is in a house over the way. It belonged in former times to the novelist's parents, and is now in the occupation of his brother, to whom I was indebted for information on the subject. Mr. Barrie rather welcomes than resents the assumption on the part of the cottager, since it relieves him from the intrusion of an interminable procession of unknown visitors. All the same, the window in Thrums at which his mother sat is in the kitchen of the Barrie house. It is a roomy bay window, standing in one of the corners, its view down the brae being now obscured by the upspringing of a modern house at the corner of the thoroughfare. On the wall of the kitchen hangs a photograph of Mrs. Barrie, enlarged from one taken many years ago by her distinguished son. He was married in the room above, a ceremony conducted with profound secrecy in order to outwit the enterprise of the reporters, who saw an opportunity of making "copy" out of the doings of a former colleague on the press.

The Russian Government have ordered all Stundist chapels in the country to close. A number have been built since April, 1905, when an edict providing for religious toleration was issued.

A WOMAN'S LETTER.

FASHIONS FOR WINTER.

The New Hats.

LONDON, W., Nov. 13.

One of the most startling changes of fashion has taken place in the domain of millinery. We began the autumn with enormous hats made of satin, silk, ottoman, velvet, or anything of the kind; some were made of the soft cloths to match dresses. They were large all round, but slightly wider on the left side; huge wings placed exactly as the red Indian wears his fighting plume right round the crown. Now we revert to the busby or fur, or the folded puggaree style of thing worn by the Sikhs, with an upstanding arrangement of feathers and ornament in front, or the small turban decorated as the Dyak headhunter does his fighting cap with enormous Argus pheasant quills. It is the hour of quills, and they are bent to follow the round of the hat or turban as the case demands. Of course to the true devotee of fashion this is somewhat bewildering, but as most women are sensible enough to suit their own personalities, no doubt the large hat and the modern busby turban and all other forms of small hat will live together in unity.

The big hat is certainly the most becoming, and suitably worn and trimmed it is suitable alike to the young or old. Anything that frames the face suits an elderly face; the small toque and that much venerated hall mark of the Victorian era, the close fitting bonnet, show all the lines and the wear and tear of faces over fifty.

I saw some beautiful hats yesterday at a fashionable sale of work, an occasion seized upon by ladies for wearing nice clothes. It was the annual sale of the Ladies' Work Association, held as usual at South Kensington. Most of the hats were in sympathy with the dress. A fine-looking fair girl wore a dull blue cloth Directoire gown, with a felt hat to match, trimmed with a stiff wreath of shaded roses, all mixed, and the hat had a velvet ribbon tied at the back with long ends, which floated down over her left shoulder. Another girl wore deep wine red cloth, with a hat of red and the Red Indian style of plumage in mole colour. Here and there I saw the new high toque made of velvet or fur. They have deeply gauged edges, which mount higher and higher on the full soft crown, and then an osprey caught down with a single rose or rosette of dull silver ribbon. There were some in chinchilla worn well down over the head, showing the waved hair in front, but almost touching the ears. With handsome fur of this kind, an osprey or two, smart quills and a silver ornament were all that were worn. I saw one in sable which had some deep orange wings set in across the top.

Winter Gowns.

One of the prettiest gowns was of the very deepest petunia velvet, coat and skirt to match, braided handsomely in wide silk braid, the hat matched made of velvet and satin. Another gown was of mole-coloured cloth, also a coat and skirt, the coat particularly smart fitting closely down the back, and buttoning over a small waistcoat, with some kiltings of Valenciennes lace at the cuffs, carried up the arm a little, and a Valenciennes ruffle in the waistcoat. The trimming was braid, and in fact at the moment there seems little else worn; some of the braiding is most beautifully done. In many ways the tailors are having the best of it this winter.

With the Directoire gown I see many smart blouses worn. They have to match the skirt in tone, and are merely close fitting slips, many made of wide meshed net, or of gold or silver net embroidered with silks till they are a mass of embroidery. The wide round holed net has taken the place of filet net, which has apparently run its course.

Embroidering net, when it is as coarse as the fashion demands, should not be very difficult to do. I think I should trace my pattern on some white tissue paper, and tack it carefully to the net, then embroider with the colours I wished; it is very often mere darning, and outlining with a thread of gold or silver or aluminium. They brought out at the Franco-British Exhibition some filet braid with which rapid results may be got, and as it was dyed in beautiful colours one should be able to make some delightful trimmings.

Dress at the Theatre.

I saw two beautiful gowns on Wednesday evening at the Haymarket Theatre in Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's new play "Dolly Reforming Herself." As the motif of the play was heavy dressmakers' and milliners' bills, the dressing of the play had to lead up to it, and Miss Ethel Irving opened the play in a white mirror velvet gown with a pleated chemisette and a pale blue Directoire sash of Ottoman silk, weighted and finished with a heavy fringe. Her next gown was an evening one in a beautiful shade of blue velvet edged with sable, a filet of blue in her hat. Miss Margaret Halstan, whose abilities fit her for Juliet rather than for modern plays, wore a beautiful gown of gray cloth braided in black, with a large rose pink hat, her evening gown being of white satin with a long lace coat over it much draped on the hips. I think the touch of drapery very grateful in these days of skin fitting skirts. In Paris I hear they are wearing a great deal of fur at the edges of their skirts, especially in the evening. This is rather Russian, where they use fur as freely as we do braids. I like it best with rich white satin or with velvet. The bringing of swansdown into fashion is the most notable thing to chronicle; it is many years since I have seen it, hardly for thirty years at least. I like the large white swansdown toque; on a fair girl with a clear complexion it is wonderfully becoming.

A Girl's Dress.

I saw an exceedingly pretty white hat at the sale of work, made in white velvet and silk, trimmed with a wide swathe of soft Liberty silk and a white mount of feathers. The girl wearing it was fair and golden haired, and wore a little Romney frock of pale blue and white striped canvas. Many girls go in for Romney effects, and I think they are right. It looks so young and fresh. Certainly for the summer Romney cannot be improved upon; he is so simple and ladylike. You are always a picture if you wear a Romney gown. Many girls go in for copying the high-waisted gown and the long rucked sleeve, and the long narrow skirt, the hair wound up into a knot at the top of the head, kept in position by a high comb. This kind of thing make a tall slim girl look like a daughter of the Gods, who are supposed to attain greater height than those of mere mortals, and a short girl adds to her height if she adopts this kind of dressing. I do not say that you should always wear such picture gowns; they are better suited for house dresses, or for the innumerable little evenings which I know are the vogue with you; Bridge parties and so forth.

Christmas Presents.

I have been looking round to see if I can find anything distinctively new that is being made for Christmas presents. It seems to me that there are not many new ideas, and few wants that have not already been catered for. A smart board for invitations, covered with moire in some dainty colour, may perhaps be novel. We christen these I have made "Boudoir notice boards." I covered them with some new stuff called Eclipse moire, a mercerised material, which is wonderfully handsome. I first put a plain piece at the head of the boards, which are 2 feet long by 11½ inches wide. On the top I embroidered a wreath of ribbon roses, and did a spray on the pocket at the foot of the board. Then I set to work taking a piece of moire, which when folded double was 3 inches deep, nailed this on at the sides and back, and then straight across another to match, lapped over it, and so on to the end of the board, where the folded pocket finished it off. I think I got five receptacles for cards and invitations on the board exclusive of the pocket. Then I nailed with gimp tacks a quarter of an inch long some antique galon, a kind of tarnished gold braid that you see on all French boxes and frames, right round, finishing it off smartly. Two screw-loops were inserted at the back, and a gold cord secured, with which to hang the board. Then affixed a tiny tear-off calendar in the centre of the wreath, and sent the boards off to try their fate. They have succeeded admirably, and as a lady at the sale of work to which they were submitted said, they quite filled a want. I think you would find them quite easy to do, and folded bits across look smarter than the old-fashioned method of elastic straps and brass-headed nails. You can, of course, vary your fitting in any way you please. I am going to make a board something after the style for my bedroom, with pockets expanding on elastic, and will put flaps over them, embroidered with a spray of flowers, finished off with galon. There is a Rose du Barri shade that I think would look charming for this kind of thing; so would an Empire green. But if the Eclipse moire comes your way do not use it only for pretties. I have covered pillows with it, and everybody is pleased with them; and water of the moire does not fade out with hard wear. It is of wide width, and costs but one and two pence a yard.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

PICTURESQUE PAGEANTRY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 13.

Huge crowds filled the streets on Monday last—Lord Mayor's Day—when the historic annual show made picturesque procession through the city. Although the last vestige of St. Martin's summer has disappeared, and, as a matter of fact, a frosty morning, succeeded by suggestive searchings of east wind, made the long wait an extremely chilly undertaking, nevertheless, the day was cloudlessly fine, and as brilliantly filled with sunshine as could be hoped for in London on a November afternoon. Hence, the vast crowds that massed themselves upon every available point of view shivered good-humouredly enough. It is November. It is London. It might so easily be raining, or dismally grey under a belt of fog.

The great attraction was the promised Literary Pageant, incorporated with this year's festival as a result of the success of the "Seven Edwards" pageant of last year. In fact, it is now an established intention to permanently supersede the old-time tawdry, circus-dressed features of the Lord Mayor's Show by a pageant of some kind. The show has certainly blossomed into new life under the new regime, as the great throng in the streets on Monday amply revealed. Not that the crowds were very seriously impressed by these mediaeval figures who ambled through their city. The old streets have been so long dominated by other men and other manners as almost to have lost touch with the picturesque past. Certain it is that the flood of colour and the quaint costumes of a bygone day—even the attempt to reproduce personalities of that mighty past—awakened little more than a pleased curiosity, not untouched by a suspicion of reluctance to see beyond the humorous aspect of this so evident make-believe.

The Literary Pageant was arranged by Mr. Louis Parker, already secure in a reputation for management of such displays. Its programme was distinctly attractive, and, ideally, the representation was imposing. It began with Chaucer, followed by his Canterbury Pilgrims—the Host of the Tabard, the Knight, the Merchant, the Priest, and so on—all, of course, garbed in ancient habit. Following the pilgrims came Caxton, and with him a car bearing a 300 years' old printing press (lent for the occasion by the Governors of the St. Bride Foundation), with printers and a printer's devil at work. Then came Sir Thomas Malory, with representative characters of the Morte d'Arthur, and after him rode Edmund Spenser, with some of the fabled heroes of the "Faerie Queene," followed in turn by Christopher Marlowe, also accompanied by characters in his plays. Shakespeare headed a motley crowd, consisting of some 60 characters in the plays, and Hamlet, Othello, Iago, Falstaff, Caliban, Touchstone, Puck, Ariel, Rosalind, Viola, Titania, Dogberry, Bottom, Lear, Macbeth, and the Witches, and a long line of others of the immortal shades were followed by Julius Caesar, heralded by eight trumpeters, blowing fanfares upon Roman trumpets. The Imperial one reclined at ease in a chariot, drawn by Nubian slaves, and surrounded by Roman soldiers, lictors, and senators. Then came Ben Jonson, also attended by characters from his plays, Massinger, Herrick, and Milton, the last-named accompanied by L'Allegro and Il Penseroso, and a delightful Comus. Last of all, in reference to the new Lord Mayor's connection with the Worshipful Company of Musicians, came Walter Halliday, the first Master of the Company (1472), Gibbons, Purcell, Blow, and John Bull, credited with the "National Anthem."

Ideally, that was an excellent scheme. It was not intended to be exhaustive of literary London—how could it be? It was designed, rather, to focus attention upon the names more or less intimately associated with that square mile of the metropolis known as "the city." Chaucer, for instance, was employed by the city—until he was ejected for political reasons—as a Comptroller of Customs for the Port of London. A few yards from where I saw the procession is Bread-street, and in Bread-street, Milton was born. His bones now lie in St. Giles', Cripplegate, not far away. The procession passed the church, and each member of it saluted the statue of the great poet in the churchyard. Shakespeare was included, because most of his plays were alike written, and first produced, in Blackfriars, and many of their scenes immortalise the old city. The procession passed, for instance, the site of the Boar's Head Tavern, in Eastcheap, where the Fat Knight was wont to drink copiously of sack, and make merry generally.

In the event, it turned out that modern London, as represented in the streets on Monday, was not disposed to look with an imaginative eye upon the reincarnation of these mighty dead. A spirit of ribaldry was abroad. All the impersonators, save some of the Canterbury Pilgrims, and the slaves drawing Caesar's chariot, were mounted. They were thus conspicuous marks for more or less humorous gibes. The female characters, it should be understood, were undertaken by men. That fact gave occasion for some pointed sartorial comment. Bottom, with his ass's head, necessarily caused immense merriment, and the tens of thousands of children looking on claimed him as their own instantly. The gruesome-looking witches, of Macbeth, had to withstand considerable raillery, based, specifically, upon the fashion of their flowing back hair. Caxton and his printing press were allowed to pass in silence, but a not very convincing Sir Lancelot, and a still less heroic King Arthur, came in for unremitting chaff, as also did an exceedingly affable Shakespeare, who constantly doffed his steeple hat, and kissed a hand to the crowd—was not above an occasional wink. Indeed, many of the Shakespeare characters had some or other touch of the comic about them, sufficient to appeal to holiday London, and laughter, and shouted comment, followed them irreverently. To tell the truth, many of the characters were far from taking themselves seriously, especially on the return march. Caxton was a vision of uncontrolled merriment, while Chaucer and most of his retinue, and many of the "serious" Shakespearians, such as Lear, who was evidently younger in spirit than his grey hairs suggested, and Macbeth, and some of the Kings, not only laughed as though they were out for sport, but also, in some cases, puffed egregiously modern cigaretts. Falstaff, who might have been merry and in character, was obviously distressed by the cold, and looked blue; but on the whole it was a decidedly frolicsome pageant. It made a gay spectacle, too, and the banners and the multi-coloured mediaeval costumes filled the streets of its route with colour.

The pageant occupied the central position in the cavalcade. For the rest, there were the customary carriages filled with civic officials, and escorted by quaintly-garbed postillions, many military bands, mounted and on foot, the pipers of the Scots Guards, the boys of the Warspite, the lifeboat fully manned, and as sure as ever of its enthusiastic reception by the crowd, "Lord Roberts's Boys," and detachments of Life Guardsmen and Territorials. There were banners in profusion; the bells rang from the city steeples, and music crashed from the bands. Finally came the always imposing spectacle of the Sheriff's carriages, and the culminating gorgeousness of the ancient State chariot of the Lord Mayor, with his six horses and postillions, and the chaplain, the sword-bearer, and the macebearer in attendance, and on the box that superbly-resplendent figure who ought really to be painted by some representative artist and sent down to posterity as the coachman in excelsis of these latter days of the horse. Thus attended and supported, Sir George Truscott, the new civic head of the metropolis, drives to the Law Courts, there to make his time-honoured obeisance to the Lord Chief Justice and the Judges of the King's Bench. Then he drives back, through the still thronged streets, to Guildhall, and Gog and Magog, while the crowds disperse in high good humour, mightily pleased with the Lord Mayor's Show of 1908.

CONCERNING UNIFORM.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LEGGE'S REPORT.

LOOKING THE QUESTION ALL ROUND.

The suitability in certain respects of the uniform worn by our Australian citizen-military force has again been revived upon the initiative of the late Defence Minister, sustained by the present one. The exception now taken has been wholly upon the score of ostentatious display and expense, the object being apparently to reduce both.

The report presented by Lieutenant-Colonel Legge to the Council of Defence is not in all respects convincing. Upon the question of the traditional influence of certain uniforms he argues that, as we do not use the weapons of a bygone age, neither should we continue to adopt the dress of former periods. A moment's reflection will show that is exactly what we do not do. The neck-stock, the heavy belts, the huge hat, the accoutrements generally of the past have disappeared as completely as the Brown Bess and the antique bayonet; and as the tailed "coatee" and epaulet of yore have been displaced by the tunic of modern cut, so have hammerlocks, smooth bores, and muzzle-loading given place to breech-action and rifle barrel.

Why, asks Colonel Legge, should certain citizens on ceremonial occasions be entitled to more elaborate costume than others. Surely this hardly requires reply. Why should a consul wear a court suit, a University graduate a silk hood, a clergyman a gown, or a barrister a wig? Why, proceeds Colonel Legge, still arguing in this vein, should not the head of the Postal Department wear a glorified letter-carrier's coat, with embroidery? This is simply the reduction to absurdity which proves nothing. He might as pertinently have asked why a Minister of the Crown should on certain occasions disport himself in an embroidered coat with jabot and ruffles, a feathered cocked hat, knee-breeches, and silk stockings, and a sword which exercises him to prevent it getting between his legs?

Then Colonel Legge argues that the citizen-officer as a rule not only hates the expense of elaborate rig-out, but is very susceptible on the score of ridicule by unappreciative vulgarians in the public thoroughfares. It may well be questioned, however, whether any really earnest aspirants for commissions have been deterred by the consideration of what their jacket and overalls will cost. All the more expensive portions of a citizen-officer's equipment (such as mess dress, fancy belts, etc) are optional. The cost of the remainder hardly exceeds that of a modish suit of civilian clothes; and it is to be borne in mind that the garments, if made of honest material, will last for many years. That of which officers have hitherto complained (and very reasonably) is constant changes of pattern, involving needless expense and the laying up of articles hardly showing any signs of wear. This should certainly be reformed altogether.

On the question of ridicule Colonel Legge is travelling a long way back—to times when volunteers were deemed fair subjects for derision. But it was not their uniform which occasioned this, it was their claim to military "swank," which in those days was considered preposterous. Hence the annoyance which our citizen troops had to endure with as much patience as they could. That period and that feeling, however, have long since passed away; and even the street arab and the sarcastic barrow-man recognise that our citizen troops are an all-important factor in the national defence. The arab may indeed have been a cadet; the barrow-man in all probability has shouldered arms in his day. Consequently they do not jeer—the times and the manners have changed.

It is very useless to deride the weakness of poor human nature in regard to sumptuous apparel. Men will cordially acquiesce in this as a sentiment, and they will continue subject to it just the same. The latent love of primary colours is amongst the weaknesses to which humanity is heir. Anybody doubting this has only to observe an outdoor demonstration of Freemasons or a procession of Friendly Societies. Whatever may be said to the contrary, uniform has a marked influence. Let a regiment be clothed in ugly and unbecoming costume, and the discipline will surely be affected. The soldier who takes a pride in his appearance will be careful that he does nothing to bring his uniform into contempt; more especially if there be any regimental sentiment or tradition connected with it. The soldier's ideal is that he will not discredit his cloth; and consequently he no more desires his uniform to be unsightly than he would wish to see the regimental colours made of khaki-twill. In this connection Lord Wolseley's axiom cannot too frequently be emphasised; namely, that "if a man is to be a soldier he must feel like a soldier; and if he is to feel like a soldier he must look like a soldier."

But should not ostentatious and expensive gaudiness be avoided? Yes, certainly it should; and in this respect perhaps something may be done; but it is questionable whether the Minister has not been "barking up the wrong tree" when he assumes that the garb of our citizen-soldiers required pruning. Feathers, unless the cavalry plumes, which are worn by all ranks, do not form portion of a regimental officer's garb; tunics, even in the showiest form, display but little adornment; gold lace on the trousers has been abolished several years ago; so also have sabretaches and embroidered pouches. The mounted regiments do not wear gold lace; and (in New South Wales) only one militia battalion—the First, "the oldest regiment in Australia"—has retained the scarlet for full-dress. The volunteer battalions have adopted a showy uniform, but they wear silver lace with it; and in the case of the Scottish and Irish regiments, it is questionable whether the extinction of the national dress and that of the corps would not go together. Bearing this in view, it is somewhat hard to conceive who the officers could have been that elicited such an amount of concentrated scorn from the late Defence Minister. If they were of the staff, they may certainly consider it rather hard that they should be assailed for the trappings which distinguish their official position in every service in the world, which are prescribed by regulation; and the expense of which is borne out of their own pockets.

In considering this question, it should always be recollected that, whatever be the colour or pattern, two suits are absolutely necessary; one for ordinary work, and the other for ceremonial. The former will also be the soldier's campaigning dress, because from its colour, cut, and durability it is suitable for marching, fighting, and sleeping. It will have plenty of pockets, and will not make stains conspicuous. For this purpose, khaki cloth is admirably adapted. For the other uniform—"the best suit of clothes" which is required alike by soldier and civilian—a brighter colour and a smarter shape are desirable; and, provided the ornamentation be not overloaded, the difference in cost between khaki cloth and ordinary cloth will be negligible. Khaki "drill" is too flimsy, either for active service or display; it is, moreover, quite unsuitable during at least six months of the year (except in the tropics), and at all times an undesirable material in a climate subject to sudden fluctuations. On the other hand, khaki-cloth, unless very much befigured and decorated, is not suitable for full-dress on home service. It is not sufficiently smart. Even the best "set-up" men are not seen to advantage in it, and the plumeless "smasher hat" (usually discoloured by wear) has a distinctly depressing effect. And it makes a badly set-up, ungainly or awkward man appear much worse. Khaki cloth, moreover, is an attire with which, if worn perpetually, the soldier readily becomes disgusted. Whether or not Colonel Neild exaggerated in considering these suits as suggestive of a convict arrayed for geology, there can be no doubt whatever that they are no more seemly for ceremonial than would be the appearance of an individual at an evening party or other function of conventionality, attired in a suit of coloured flannel.

The question of reform, therefore, requires both discrimination and discretion in arriving at a fine determination. We do not desire to have our citizen soldiers arrayed in a style of meretricious and expensive adornment; neither can we shut our eyes to the desirability of an outfit which will be serviceable both for working and campaigning, and which will also provide for occasions on which a little display is admissible, and even desirable. To attain this object the khaki should be retained for work, and a handsome but unostentatious costume of a brighter hue for review order.

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An expert, in the "Building World," says that the sound of the piano next door may be deadened by erecting a wooden screen in front of the party wall, leaving a 3in cavity which would be filled with slag wool. The screen could be papered over so as to represent a wall as before. The cost would be about 1s 6d per ft super.

LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Barton, Mr. Justice Isaacs, and Mr. Justice Higgins.)

SALE OF AN HOTEL.

FULL COURT'S DECISION UPSET.

DISTRICT COURT VERDICT HOLDS GOOD.

MacNamara v Martin.

Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Dr. Brissenden, instructed by Mr. H. F. M'Kay, of Coff's Harbour (by his agents, Messrs. Colquhoun and Bassett), appeared for the appellant. Mr. Sheridan and Mr. F. A. Russell, instructed by Messrs. M'Guren and Pollock, of Grafton (by their agent, Mr. A. J. M'Donald), appeared for the respondent.

Judgment was given in the matter of the appeal against the judgment of the Full Court (comprising the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Sly), respecting the Grafton District Court case of MacNamara v Martin.

The action, which was tried at Grafton District Court on November 13 and 14 last year, before Acting District Court Judge Dawson and a jury of four, was brought by Patrick Joseph MacNamara, stock and station agent, Coff's Harbour, against Thomas Martin to recover the sum of £50, being remuneration on the sale by plaintiff of the latter's Hampden Hotel business at Coramba, about 12 miles from Coff's Harbour, for the sum of £1200. Plaintiff's case was that defendant placed the hotel in his hands for sale, and agreed that he would pay him £50 if he effected a sale for the amount mentioned. He subsequently obtained a definite offer from a Mrs. Daniels, of Grafton, but the defendant declined to accept her as a purchaser. The defence was that the plaintiff did not find a purchaser in accordance with the agreement between him and defendant, and that he knew that Mrs. Daniels would not be an acceptable purchaser. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the amount claimed. The Full Court set aside this verdict, and entered a nonsuit on the ground that the agent had no authority either express or implied to make the contract on the defendant's behalf.

Plaintiff appealed against the Full Court's decision, on the following grounds:—(1) That the Supreme Court was in error in holding that the appellant was guilty of either gross misconduct or gross ignorance of his duty as a commission agent. (2) That the Supreme Court was in error in deciding that, on the evidence given on behalf of the appellant (the plaintiff) at the trial before the District Court at Grafton, he ought to have been nonsuited. (3) That the Supreme Court was in error in deciding that the appellant forfeited his claim to remuneration already earned by his subsequent misconduct or ignorance of his duty; and (4) that the Supreme Court was in error in deciding that the direction of the District Court Judge, set out in the fifth ground of the said notice of motion, was a misdirection. This direction was to the following effect:—"If you find that the plaintiff bona-fide entered into a contract with a bona-fide purchaser, and such purchaser was ready and willing to carry out that contract, then you will come to the conclusion that he had done what he contracted to do, and, if you believe that, then plaintiff is entitled to a verdict for the amount claimed."

The Chief Justice, in delivering the judgment of the Court, stated that he could not agree with the learned Judges of the Full Court that the subsequent agreement with Mrs. Daniels had amounted to such misconduct or ignorance of duty as to disentitle the plaintiff to recover. It was admitted by the parties at the trial that the plaintiff was entitled to the £50 or nothing. The question, therefore, was—was Mrs. Daniels a bona fide purchaser? The evidence showed that she was. The Full Court should have declined to set aside the verdict.

The Court unanimously allowed the appeal, dismissed the motion for a new trial, and ordered that the verdict of the District Court should stand. Costs were given against the respondent.

MARRIED WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS.

Hall v Costello.

Mr. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. H. C. Ellison Rich (agent for Mr. P. D. Cox, of Quirindi), appeared for Mrs. Elizabeth Hall; and Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Messrs. Sullivan Brothers (agents for Messrs. Kennedy and White, of Murrurundi), appeared for John Costello.

This was an application on behalf of Costello to have rescinded the special leave to appeal granted on November 27, and also the notice of appeal set aside.

The appeal was sought from an order of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, dismissing an appeal from the Land Appeal Court. The question involved was whether the appellant, a married woman, being the holder for her sole and separate use of an original conditional purchase, which was devised to her by the will of her first husband, and, having resided on such a.c.p. for more than six months immediately prior to her application for a conditional lease, was entitled, under the Crown Lands Act to make such application.

Mr. Whitfeld explained that if the matter were allowed to stand over until March his client would lose next year's crop. Ploughing was done about February.

The Chief Justice said there was nothing for it—the matter would have to stand over.

The parties undertook to expedite matters, so that the hearing could come on at an early stage of the next sittings in Sydney.

LIABILITY TO CALLS.

Louis Goldsmith v the Colonial Finance M.L. and G. Corporation, Limited.

Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. Ernest R. Cohen, appeared for the appellant; and Mr. D. G. Ferguson and Mr. Monahan, instructed by Mr. G. Crichton Smith, for the respondent company.

This was an appeal from a judgment given by the Full Court (comprising the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Pring), in favour of the company, and in respect to liability by Goldsmith to pay calls on shares.

Judgment was reserved, to be delivered in Chambers.

MOTHER AND SON.

Maiden v Maiden.

A formal judgment was given in the appeal made by Edwin John Maiden against a decision of the Chief Judge in Equity.

The suit was one instituted by Emma Caroline Maiden against her son, Edwin John Maiden, to recover possession of certain farm land at Bulahdelah, and Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson made a decree in terms of the prayer, and ordered payment by the defendant of plaintiff's costs, dismissing a counter claim by the defendant with costs. Defendant appealed, on grounds already set out.

The Court submitted, by a majority, a judgment deciding to vary the decree as follows:—"Substitute for two first orders an order that the defendant do deliver possession of the land, cattle, stock, corn, and other produce, whether growing on or produced from the land, save and except, etc., to the plaintiff, and that the defendant be restrained from working or intermeddling with the land, from selling, disposing, or intermeddling with the cattle, etc., save and except, etc. Limit the first account to receipts after May 23, 1907. Extend second account to include moneys expended on providing additions for improvements to stock, etc., or farming implements. Omit limit of June 18, 1908, from inquiry as to remuneration. Caveat to be removed absolutely. Substitute for order as to costs of suit, and counter claim, a statement that the court does not think fit to make any order, as to the costs of the suit or counter claim. Institute 'future' for 'further' in direction as to costs subsequent to decree, cause remitted."

The Chief Justice stated that the reasons for this judgment would be given at another time.

Mr. Cowan, instructed by Mr. F. C. Petrie, appeared on behalf of the appellant, and Mr. Harvey and Mr. Clive Teece, instructed by Mr. W. H. Drew, for the respondent.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BANCO COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Sly and a jury of four.)

CLAIM FOR SERVICES IN A MINE.

Leoni v Hay and another.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Mr. Albert Nicholson, appeared for the plaintiff; and Dr. Brissenden and Mr. Harriott, instructed by Mr. R. P. Harriott, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Nicholas Leoni, miner, against Alexander Hay and Frederick Yelverton Wilson, to recover the sum of £410 claimed to be due as salary for services rendered to the defendants at a mine situated at Cowra Creek, under an agreement dated March 4, 1907, and made between him and the defendants. The amount was made up of £104, being salary claimed to be due from March 16 to September 14, 1907, at £4 per week, and £306, being salary at £6 per week, from September, 1907, to September 5, 1908. The defendants pleaded never indebted, also that as to £296, part of the money claimed, they had satisfied the claim before the action was brought. As to salary claimed to be due, after July 29, 1907, they said that it was a term of the agreement that plaintiff's alleged employment should cease, and determine if the defendants after inspection of the mine failed to be satisfied therewith. And the defendants did inspect the mine, and were not satisfied therewith, whereof the plaintiff had notice. They also pleaded that plaintiff was indebted to them in an amount equal to his claim for money lent to him, and for money paid by them for plaintiff at his request, and money received by him for the use of the defendants.

Verdict for plaintiff for £214 11s 4d.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

APPLICATION FOR INJUNCTION.

Schwartz v Schmellitscheck.

Mr. Langer Owen, K.C., and Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. S. J. Bull, appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Knox, K.C., and Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Messrs. Perkins, Stevenson, and Co., for defendant.

This was an application for an injunction to restrain defendant from carrying on a similar business to that of plaintiff. In his statement of claim, plaintiff set forth that for some years up to September 30, 1907, plaintiff and defendant were carrying on business as the "Foreign Agency Company." On that date they dissolved partnership, plaintiff buying defendant's interest in the company, save the agency of Steffens and Nolle, for £4780. Plaintiff claimed that there was only one agency of Steffens and Nolle, that was for steel and iron, which he accepted under the dissolution agreement, and that for any other business done Steffens and Nolle acted as purchasing agents only in Berlin for the Foreign Agency Company. In breach of his agreement defendant had entered into the service of Steffens and Nolle, who had opened a branch in King-street, Sydney, and were now carrying on exactly the same business as that carried on by the Foreign Agency Company at the time of the dissolution. In the dissolution of partnership defendant had covenanted that for three years from that date he would not be concerned in, or act as, clerk, traveller, or otherwise in any business of the like nature to that carried on by the Foreign Agency Company, save the agency of Steffens and Nolle.

In his defence, defendant traversed the statement of plaintiff, and held in effect that he was at liberty, after the dissolution, to open business here through the firm of Steffens and Nolle, and carry on the same class of business as that of the plaintiff.

By consent the matter was allowed to stand over till the hearing, defendant to keep an account of orders, etc., obtained in the meantime.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon.)

MONUMENTAL MASONS.

Both parties consenting, his Honor recommended the construction of a board for monumental masons, decision as to the number of members to stand over; in the meantime the country trade to have notice given to them.

IN DIVORCE.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

FIELD v FIELD.

In the part-heard case in which Thomas Field sued for a divorce from Ellen Field, formerly Robinson, on the ground of desertion, his Honor dismissed the petition.

PROBATE COURT.

The following probates and administrations were granted during the past week:—

Probates.—David Pringle, Henry Fogt, William Fisher, James Kenyon, George Murdock, Alexander Watson M'Minn, Michael Flanagan, Arthur Close, Alfred Hirst, Thomas Fitzgerald, Alexander M'D. Cooper, Elizabeth Haigh, Susan Griffiths, Thomas Hughes, Louis Thompson, James Blacker, John Nash, James Brown, Henry Whittan, William Jones, Josephine Corti, Ellen Kearney, John Ellis Symonds Gowing, Sir William Farmer, James Clegg, Sarah Jones, David Jones, John Robertson, Mary Ann Healy, William Linden, William Charles Williamson, August Kiemer, John Wills, Caroline Elizabeth Rowe, Henry Thomas Hatman, John Fielder, John Sullivan, Marcus Mannheim, Alexander M'D. Cooper, Thomas Laney, Mary Say, John Purcell, Louis A. de Brelleville, Mary Ann Chippindall, Mary Lazarus, Joseph Wood, James Andrews, Mary M'Evilly, Sarah Prendergast, William Smith, Michael Hayes, George Alfred Asbury, Amelia Jane Willett, Sarah Margetts, Adam S. Chenells, Jane Morrison, John Thomas Gray.

Administrations.—James Simpson, Ellen C. Payne, James Ritchie, Charles Leek, Annie V. O'Connor, George Hodge, Annie Louisa Bates, John O'Neill, Andrew E. Heriot, Annie Page, Janet M'Intosh, Harold G. Goode, Margaret M. Ritchie, John Lees, Alfred Ernest Leahy, George Harold Sneesby, Mary Ann S. Chils, Rosalie Mitchell, Marie Cowlishaw Allard, Mary Ann O'Grady, Agnes Bridget Sexton.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. F. H. Salusbury.)

MOTION TO VARY OR RESCIND ORDER UNDER SECTION 61.

Re John Walter Fletcher. Order rescinded.

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

Kelly and Coffey v Charles James Hale. Sequestration order made. Mr. Palmer, official assignee.

Ireland, Limited, v Emma Davidson. Sequestration order made. Mr. Lloyd, official assignee.

MOTION FOR RELEASE OF ESTATE.

Re James Conly (insolvency). Order made releasing estate.

Re Roger Matthew Ryan. Order of release granted.

Re Frederick Gustav Lender (insolvency). Order of release granted.

Re Frederick Gustav Lender (bankruptcy). Order granted; order of release to operate as a discharge of the bankrupt.

SINGLE MEETING AND PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Re Elias Habib. Meeting closed and examination concluded.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Thomas Edward Greer, labourer, Lismore. Mr. C. F. W. Lloyd, official assignee.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

APPEAL AGAINST MAGISTRATE'S DECISION.

DAIRYMAN'S APPEAL.

CONVICTION QUASHED.

This was an appeal by James Nelligan, of Canterbury, dairyman, against a decision of Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., at the Newtown Police Court, under which he was convicted of selling milk not of the nature, substance, and quality demanded, and fined £3, with costs £1 5s 6d; in default 14 days' imprisonment. The Government Analyst certified that the milk was 15½ per cent. deficient in fat, but admitted that he could not undertake to say that, as an expert analyst, the milk was not genuine. Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared in support of the appeal, and Mr. Mitchell, instructed by Mr. J. H. Clayton, for the sanitary inspector of Marrickville, who prosecuted at the preliminary hearing. After argument, his Honor held that it had not been clearly established that the milk was not as it came from the cow, and allowed the appeal, but without costs.

(Before Judge Rogers.)

AN EXPIRED RAILWAY TICKET.

CONVICTION SET ASIDE.

Leopold Ross Osborn, dentist, of Enmore-road, Enmore, appealed against a decision of the Wollongong Bench, under which he was convicted of travelling on an expired ticket with intent to evade payment.

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. Tanner, appeared in support of the appeal, and Mr. Cargill, Solicitor for Railways, in support of the conviction.

The case for the appellant was that he had never travelled on the ticket. He went to Wollongong on a return ticket, but leaving the return half down there came back to Sydney with a single ticket. On a subsequent trip to Wollongong he purchased another return ticket, and having obtained the ticket he had previously left there he had two return halves when he got into the train to come back. One of these was checked at Wollongong, but on arrival at Sydney he gave up the unchecked half. On another visit he used the return ticket which had been checked, considering that he had a right to do so. Proceedings were taken against him, and he was fined £1, with costs.

After argument,

His Honor said that on the facts as they appeared to them, the railway officials were justified in acting as they did. Defendant, however, had made an explanation, and he (his Honor) was not prepared to believe that a man who was carrying on an honourable profession and a good citizen would be guilty of such a paltry theft on the Government. Such a despicable act was about the last thing of which any decent man would be guilty, and he did not think defendant would do that. On the facts of the case he thought the conviction should be set aside, but without costs.

LAW NOTICES.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

In Equity.—Before the Master in Equity, at 11 a.m.:—Australasian Brownfields, Limited, to settle certificate, etc. Before the Deputy Registrar, at 10.30 a.m.: Municipal Council of Dubbo v McEvoy, to settle minutes of order. At 10.45 a.m.: Russell v Henry, to settle minutes of order. At 11 a.m.: Green v Cook, to tax costs, same v same, ditto. At 11.30 a.m.: Ex parte Rutherford and another, taxation. At 2 p.m.: Wright and Co. and L. P. Act, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Kimber v O'Loughlin, to settle minutes of decree. At 2.30 p.m.: Perpetual Trustee Company v Thompson, to settle minutes of order. Before the Chief Clerk, at 11 a.m.: Barracluff v Barracluff, to tax costs.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar, at 10 a.m.:—Creditors' petition: F. Lassetter and Co., Limited, v John Milne Curran. Motion to discharge sequestration order: John Flood.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, at 12.30 p.m.: Bryant v Alli and another (part heard). Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court: At 10.30 a.m., Bennett ats. M'Farland; at 10.40 a.m., Power v Williamson, at 11.5 a.m., Harrison ats. Calvert.

PLACE, NOT PACE.

SPEEDOMETER V STOP WATCH.

DISCOURTESY BY POLICE.

MAGISTRATE'S REBUKE.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Inspector M'Intosh proceeded against several drivers of motor cars for travelling at a furious pace over the measured half-mile on the Rocky Point-road, Rockdale.

The first case heard was that of a chauffeur, Henry Gough, of the Columbia Hotel, Castlereagh-street, city, who was defended by Mr. Mackenzie, of Bowman and Mackenzie, and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Mackenzie, after waiting some time for the case to be called on, said that two of his witnesses, Mr. Henry Morton and another gentleman, both had to attend a board meeting in town, and it was absolutely necessary that they should get away. If the constable would say at what speed they were travelling perhaps they could settle the question.

Inspector M'Intosh: The police say you were going at 24 miles an hour, and that you covered the measured half-mile in 73 seconds.

Mr. Mackenzie: Well, your Worship, I'll admit the speed, but, relying on your decision last week in another case, I claim this case ought to be dismissed, because as you truly said it is not a question of pace but one of place. My clients contend that there were no vehicles on the road at the time, and this district is not like the crowded city, where the pace is limited, and wisely so, too. The whole thing hinges on the question of where the vehicle was being used, and not at what pace it was being driven.

The Magistrate: I see that some of the councillors do not think so. However, a common sense view of the case leads me to think otherwise. It would be absurd to say that travelling in a bush road at the rate of 40 miles an hour was furious driving. The whole thing hinges on what danger there was to the public at the time that the driving took place.

Mr. Mackenzie: We contend in this case that there was not any danger to the public.

Sub-Inspector M'Intosh: The constable has stated in his evidence that there were 10 vehicles on the road all within the measured half-mile. Six were going in the same direction as the motor car, two in the opposite direction, and two were stationary at the side of the road. The Moorefield races were on that day.

Mr. Mackenzie: Well, I will admit that the car was going at 20 miles an hour, and that there were 10 vehicles on the road, and yet I submit to your Worship that there was still no danger to the public. I have evidence to call, but the witnesses cannot wait. These cars can be pulled up in almost their own length, and where there is such control how can danger arise to any one of the other vehicles when they are scattered over an area of half a mile.

The Magistrate: I differ with you in respect to this particular district. There is always a certain amount of danger to the public in such a place. It is very different from a road away out, say, at Port Hacking. There there would be no danger. Defendant is fined £2 and 6s costs, in default imprisonment for one month.

Thomas Daley, of Sydenham-road, Marrickville, was then charged with a similar offence on the same date, and at the same place. In this case the police stated that he drove his car at the rate of 21 miles an hour, and that there were five vehicles on the road.

Asked how he pleaded, Mr. Daley said the question was what is furious driving. He did not regard the pace as furious for a motor car on such a road as the Rocky Point-road, but after hearing the previous case he thought he had better plead guilty.

He was fined £2, and 6s costs, in default imprisonment for one month.

The next defendant was George Olding, of Fernbank, Edgecliff-road, Edgecliff. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. Harold Morgan.

Senior-constable Scott stated that defendant drove his car over the measured half-mile on Sunday, November 15, between 2 and 3 p.m., at the rate of 25 miles an hour. Two vehicles were on the road. Witness timed him with a stop watch. A number of children were crossing the street on their way to Sunday school.

The Magistrate: Twenty-five miles an hour. Too fast for this district.

Witness (to Mr. Morgan): I did tell the defendant that I would not let him know at what speed he was travelling.

The Magistrate: Well, you should have told him the speed at which he was travelling. It was only right that he should have known it at the time.

Mr. Morgan (to witness): Did the defendant not tell you at the time that he had a speedometer on the car?

Witness: Yes, and he knew that I had a stop watch.

Mr. Morgan: What experience have you had with a stop watch?

Witness: I have been timing motorists for many months over this measured half-mile. (Laughter.)

The Magistrate: You can't beat a stop watch, Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan: It all depends upon who is handling it. I am satisfied from what I have seen to-day that neither of these constables understands a stop watch. Constable Robinson, while in the witness-box, could not demonstrate what 75 seconds was on the watch.

Sub-inspector M'Intosh: You would not give the officer time, you were asking him so many questions all in one breath.

Mr. Morgan: Well, the constable refused to tell my client at what rate he was travelling, and I don't believe he knew.

The Magistrate: Well, the constable should have told him (the defendant) when he asked him. It was at least discourteous on his part to have refused to do so.

For the defence, George Olding stated that he was driving at 15 miles an hour that afternoon. His speedometer clearly showed the speed at which they were going, and at no time in the whole trip did the speed reach more than 18 miles an hour. They knew of this measured half-mile, and took particular notice of the speedometer, which was registering 15 miles. When they were pulled up witness asked the constable for the rate of speed, intending to compare it with the speedometer on the car, but he absolutely refused to say at what speed they were travelling.

The Magistrate: I have already said the officer was in the wrong. He had no right to do anything of the kind.

Witness: There were no vehicles on the road at the time, despite the fact that the police said there were.

Another witness also stated that there were no vehicles on the road.

The Magistrate: Well, admitting that you were going at the rate of 15 miles an hour, I am going to hold that it was too fast a pace for this particular district. In some places along these roads it is absolutely necessary to slow down. That is where there is population and general traffic; and then increase your speed as you get out into the country. If the defendant had been going at such a speed out towards Port Hacking I would not have convicted him, despite what other people might say. But here in a suburb like Rockdale it is a different thing. Defendant is fined £2, and 6s costs, in default imprisonment for one month.

A CHAUFFEUR FINED.

CHAMPION BOXER IN COURT.

At the Water Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, S.M., James Reid was proceeded against for having, on November 25 last, driven a motor car at a rate faster than eight miles an hour in George-street. There was a second information, charging him with a similar offence on November 25 last. Traffic-constable Gow stated that at 12.20 p.m. on November 25 he was at the corner of George and Market streets when he saw the defendant drive a motor car at a very fast pace past a stationary tram. He travelled from Market-street to King-street in 30 seconds, a distance of 231 yards, or at the rate of 16 miles an hour. Soon afterwards he saw him again, and asked him why he did not steady up when called upon to do so, when defendant said that he had not passed down George-street before that day. If he did he saw no signal. On November 28 he saw defendant driving a car along George-street, when he crossed Market-street at a very fast pace, and between Market and King streets at a rate of over 17 miles an hour. A great number of people were in the street at the time. Thomas Burns, the world's boxing champion, said that on November 25 last he with others was in a motor car driven by the defendant going towards the harbour. He did not know the names of the streets they crossed. Les O'Donnell, Pat O'Keefe, and Mr. Bourke were with him, and they went to Mr. M'Intosh's office in Challis House. Defendant had been in his employ, but was not working for him now. He was sure that on November 25 he was not driving at more than eight miles an hour. Other evidence having been given, defendant in each case was fined £5 and costs, or in default one month's imprisonment.

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BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT.

£3000 DAMAGES CLAIMED.

CASE AMICABLY SETTLED.

Yesterday, before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four, in No. 4 Jury Court, an action was commenced on behalf of Ethel Maud Brown against James Pritchard, both residents in the southern district, to recover £3000 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage. Mr. G. H. Reid, K.C., and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Mr. T. Marriott, of Nowra (by his agents, Messrs. Perkins, Stevenson, and Co.), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. J. C. Gannon, and Dr. Waddell, instructed by Mr. Kieran Ryan, of Kiama (by his agent, Mr. A. W. E. Weaver), for the defendant. The formal pleadings set out that plaintiff and defendant agreed to marry one another, and though plaintiff was always ready and willing to marry defendant, he failed to carry out the agreement, and married another person. The defendant did not deny the making of the promise, but pleaded that before the breach he and plaintiff agreed that the contract should be rescinded, and it was accordingly rescinded. He pleaded further that plaintiff was not ready and willing to marry him.

Before the case was opened, Mr. Gannon stated that the parties had been able to come to a settlement, on terms which would be filed in court, and it would not be necessary to take the verdict of the jury. He asked his Honor to permit him to say, on behalf of defendant, that the plaintiff was perfectly within her rights in coming into Court for damages for breach of promise, but it was one of those breaches in which no moral blame attached to anybody. There were family reasons which led defendant to break the arrangement for a marriage with the plaintiff, and he wished to say that defendant regretted the breach that had occurred. Mr. Gannon added, "I think I am also entitled to say on behalf of my client that plaintiff is a lady of unblemished character; and I can also say that she has excited the admiration and approbation of all those who know her. No blame of any kind attaches to her."

His Honor: I am very glad to hear that the case is settled, and also to hear the terms in which defendant, through his counsel has expressed himself in regard to plaintiff.

ALLEGED HOUSE-BREAKING.

MR. JUSTICE PRING IN WITNESS BOX.

At the Ashfield Police Court yesterday, before Mr. M. S. Love, S.M., a young man bearing the name of William Paul Lialo Ignatius Pollettie was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Mr. Justice Pring, at Liverpool-road, Summer Hill, on December 8, and stealing therein jewellery valued at £16. The defendant kept his hand before his face during the progress of the hearing, and had to be thrice directed to remove it. Sub-inspector Brooks conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Justice Pring said he was a Judge of the Supreme Court, and resided at Stoneleigh, Liverpool-road, Summer Hill. On December 8 he went to bed just after 9 p.m. About 11.20 p.m. his daughter woke him. He got up at once, and with his daughter, two sons, and his wife made a thorough search of his daughter's room and other rooms. His daughter's trinket-case of crystal glass with a silver top, which he had given her about seven weeks before, was missing, as well as other articles, which he could not identify or enumerate. The jewel-case (produced) was the one he had given his daughter. Defendant had been in his employ as a houseman and butler, and had the full run of the house. On November 30 he suddenly bolted during the night, and witness had not seen him till that day at the Court.

Ethel Pring, daughter of Mr. Justice Pring, said that on December 8 she returned to her father's home with her brothers after being out for the evening. She missed her jewel-box and its contents. The necklet and pendant and jewel-case produced were her property, and they were in her room at 4.15 p.m.

Senior-Constable W. Robinson said that after he arrested defendant the latter said he knew nothing about the affair. Later on he said, "I will tell you the whole truth about this robbery. There's another one in it. I met him one night about 9 o'clock, and told him where the stuff could be found. I met him again about 6 o'clock in the morning, after the robbery, between the Judge's house and the Summer Hill railway station, and he gave me the necklet and pendant. I left him at the station, and he said he was going to Parramatta. I have not seen him since, and I did not know him before." The jewel-case was found on the railway line between Summer Hill and Ashfield.

Joseph Ambrose White, assistant to Ellis Davis, pawnbroker, 645 George-street, Haymarket, identified defendant as the man who had pledged the necklet and pendant at the shop for 12s 6d.

Defendant did not cross-examine any of the witnesses, and was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on February 1, 1909, bail being allowed, self in £80, and one surety in £100.

THE TROUBLE ON THE MONGOLIA.

GRAVER CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

TWO HINDOOS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., ...noon, at the Water Police Court, Stuckie Ahendey, 30, and Mahomed Hossein Mastaffa, 32, seamen on the mail steamer Mongolia, were charged on remand with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Arab Wandahas on December 16. The charge arose out of the disturbance that took place on the P. and O. Company's steamer Mongolia on the 16th instant, in which some 70 odd members of the crew were engaged.

When the case was called it was intimated that no evidence would be offered, in consequence of which the charge was withdrawn.

They were then charged with in company assaulting Arab Wandahas on December 16.

Arab Wandahas, a member of the crew of the Mongolia, and a native of Zanzibar, said that both of the accused belonged to the vessel, one being assistant serang and the other a fireman. About two days ago he remembered something happening. About 9 a.m. they were in the forecastle, but witness had no angry words with them. There was a quarrel on the quarter-deck, but he was not engaged in it, although the accused were. Without provocation Mastaffa hit him on the head with a stick, inflicting a cut, which bled freely. He fell from the force of the blow, and while he was on the ground Ahendey struck him with a knife on the left side just under the arm. The wound was a deep one, and bled profusely. He was a Seedeeboy, while the accused were Punjaubis.

Dr. Norman, of the Mongolia, described the wounds as painful, though not serious.

Belah Jooma, a trimmer on the vessel, and a Seedeeboy, said that the disturbance began about three days ago, shortly after 9 in the morning. He saw Ahendey strike Wandalma with a knife, but did not see Mastaffa commit any assault.

Sergeant Wallace, of the Water Police, stated that he interviewed the witnesses and prosecutor, when they made a statement to Inspector M'Vane with regard to the disturbance. It was stated clearly at the time by the witnesses that Ahandey used a knife, but the prosecutor now said that it was Mastaffa who did the stabbing.

Mr. Donaldson: There is no doubt the stabbing took place, but the doubt was who did it.

Stuckie Ahendey, a Punjabia, and an assistant serang on the Mongolia, in his defence, stated that he was below mixing paint under instructions from the second engineer on the morning of the disturbance, and did not go on deck during the row. His work was from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m., and during the whole of that time he was below.

Mahomed Hossein Mastaffa said that he went on deck about 20 past nine, but when he saw the fighting he ran back to work, and took no part in the disturbance. During the whole of the time the fight was in progress he was below, having been told to remain there by an English boilermaker.

Mr. Naylor, chief officer of the Mongolia, was called by the magistrate, but stated that he did not witness the fight although he discussed it afterwards.

Mr. Donaldson said that he was in considerable doubt as to the guilt of the accused, and that he would follow his usual practice and discharge them, which he did.

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SCIENCE NOTES.

W. G. P.

THE COLOURS OF ANIMALS.

The meaning of colour in organisms is still somewhat obscure. Butterflies and beetles, brilliant dragon flies, green locusts, for instance, develop amazing colour patterns even when the insect is so small that the design can only be made out by careful inspection. It is often hard to explain this on the ground of utility. The colours may be there simply as the result of the chemical constitution of the animal, and in that case need excite no more comment than the colours of minerals. The regularity of pattern is not quite so easy to account for; but in many cases it is seen to be a necessary consequence of the animal structure; built up as this often is on a bi-laterally symmetrical plan with metameric reduplication. Special uses of pigment cells, again, may sometimes be detected. In some of the lower animals by their capacity for absorbing light and so stimulating specially sensitive cells they may to some extent take the place of eyes—to the extent of enabling the animal to distinguish light from darkness. Similarly, pigment cells in fur and plumage may be a protection against excessive sunlight. Darwin's subsidiary theory of sexual selection to account for colour pattern has steadily lost ground as the facts became better known. Much more general in application is the theory of mimicry or protective adaptation. Hosts of insects exactly match their surroundings, and the simplest explanation is that they have come to do so as the result of natural selection—though even here a wise German has declared that the insects choose their surroundings to match themselves. The vital importance of colour is shown by the wide range of effects and by the complicated chemical and physical sources of colour resorted to. A modification of general protective adaptation is seen in the cases of animals that change their colour with the seasons. This happens not only among mammals and birds, but also to a considerable extent among insects. Since we have also cases in which the form no less than the colour is most carefully adapted to the surroundings there can be no reasonable doubt that "protective colouration" is a vera causa. At the same time it remains a great puzzle to the naturalist—for the adaptation seems altogether too accurate and minute. Immense ingenuity has been spent on explaining colours that plainly cannot fall under the above head. Thus the eye-spots on the wings of butterflies have been supposed to be there for birds to bite at. A butterfly can afford to lose the tip of his wing; but he cannot afford to lose his head or his abdomen. Patient persons by careful collecting have tried to show that in fact birds do bite at these spots. Another line of explanation is that animals of the same species wear some particularly bright colour-effect to serve as a "recognition mark" by which they may be at once distinguished from enemies. This is a plausible theory, but it is almost impossible to get direct evidence of its truth. Mimicry covers cases in which one species imitates the colouring of another. For many years this was one of the stock marvels of the naturalist. While there probably remains some field for mimicry in this restricted sense most of the quoted cases have been subjected to severe criticism, and the theory in consequence is rather at a discount.

THE EVOLUTION OF MAN.

Mr. J. T. Cunningham, in the current "Science Progress," has an interesting paper on our present knowledge of the evolution of man. The first question is as to whether the human race is to be regarded as a single species. Mutationists, who say that species arise independently of adaptations and selection, have a hard nut to crack in the case of man; for all the characters that separate him from his nearest living relatives, the anthropoid apes, are plainly adaptive and useful, precisely such as the natural selection theory would demand. The erect position, the structure of hand and foot, the reduction of the jaw and teeth, are all classic instances of adaptation. Further, there is no doubt that these adaptations are congenital. Taken together, they amount to more than specific difference from our nearest relatives. On the other hand, they do not amount to enough to constitute us a separate order. Man thus holds the intermediate rank of family, according to the usual terms of classification. A difficulty arises, however, for man constitutes a family without genera, and a genus with only one species. The "races" of man do not correspond to "species" of animals. A great deal of controversy has raged over the question whether race characters are mutations (sudden sports) or adaptations. Speaking generally, if a character is of no obvious use it is set down as a mutation; examples are the curling of the hair, or the shape of the nose. Mr. Cunningham himself considers that man represents a single species, which has started a new group, which might become a genus or a family.

CONCERNING HELIUM.

The change of radium emanation into helium was predicted by Rutherford and Soddy, and actually observed by Ramsay and Soddy in 1903, being conclusively identified by the yellow line of its spectrum. Dewar, Deslandres, and others gave striking confirmations in the next year, and the lastnamed worker observed the entire spectrum of helium and no other lines—a triumph for the delicacy of his experiment. As a rule, some months had to elapse before a sufficient quantity of helium to be detected was formed from the emanation. Similarly, the radio-active element actinium was shown to give helium. The production of helium from thorium solutions has so far not been completely demonstrated. It is now believed that all the helium in the atmosphere has been liberated as the product of radio-activity, and this suggests the question whether the other gases of the argon group in the atmosphere have arisen in the same way. It is clear that the enormous amount of energy radiated by a radio-active body must be a powerful chemical and physical stimulant. It effects the disintegration of water, for instance, into its constituent gases. It was this that led Sir William Ramsay to his much-debated experiments. He thought that a solution of copper sulphate would be split up into metallic copper, and the acid radical. (He has shown that silver is deposited from a silver solution.) In the case of the copper salt there was no deposition of the metal, but a trace of lithium appeared. In the case of pure water acted on by the radio-active substance, the blazing-red colour of neon was observed with a tinge of helium. In the case of copper solutions no neon or helium was detected; but argon took their place. Opinion differs very greatly as to these results. They have been severely criticised, and further work is needed to definitely establish the transformation, but it probably will be established. There is, of course, a good deal of chemical evidence that in nature the transformation of elements is actively going on, but so far it has not been thoroughly sifted. Uranium and radium, for example, occur together in a fixed ratio that is almost a direct proof that the first is the parent of the second. In view of Ramsay's results, it is of interest that many specimens of uranium-radium minerals have been shown to contain a recognisable amount of lithium, but no definite ratio has been fixed.

THE TRIAD OF STARS.

Three astronomical symbols occur in many of the sculptures of Assyria and Babylonia, carved, for instance, over the heads of kings. Sometimes there is an inscription added—"The Moon-God, the Sun-God, the Istar, dwellers in the abyss, announce to the years what they are to expect." Often above the Moon-God is a crescent on its back, like a boat. Now, there is one month in the year when the moon's crescent floats on an even keel—the time nearest the spring equinox. It was this that was taken as the beginning of the old lunar year. The other two stars represent the Heavenly Twins, known to the Romans as Castor and Pollux. About 4000 B.C., and for some 2000 years later, the young moon of the second month set along with these stars. The symbol thus stands for something actually seen. The sunset gave the day, the new moon gave the month, the coming of the triad gave the year. Unfortunately the sidereal does not quite coincide with the solar year—it loses about a day in seventy-two years. The triad index in two thousand years thus gave a beginning for the year a month late. The error was corrected by using the bright star Capella as the index down to about 700 B.C., when it in turn gave an obviously late beginning of the year—one, that is, that did not coincide with the seasons—and direct observations of the equinox were then first resorted to.

IN THE GARDEN.

FLOWERS, ETC.

Regal and Show Pelargoniums.—Many persons are under the impression that the pelargonium, more especially the Regal variety, is difficult to cultivate. It may be so if the cuttings are not taken at the proper season. It is important to know the class of cuttings and the exact time to put them in, and this varies to a great extent according to the growth of the plant from which the cuttings are taken, as some send out shoots much earlier than others. The cuttings should always be short-jointed, firm to the touch, but not too ripe, and about three inches in length. They may be readily increased nearly all the year round, more especially during the summer and early autumn months. The compost should be loam, leaf mould, and sand in equal parts.

There should be neither difficulty nor mystery in striking cuttings of show pelargoniums. They can be put into a prepared bed in the open ground, in shallow boxes or store pots, and placed out of doors they root freely. In the dull months pelargoniums will last a long time without water, but in very hot weather a little water should be given. When planting cuttings they should be divested of all their leaves, but two or three at the top, much foliage causing damping off. If they are well watered when put in, do not repeat the process unless absolutely necessary. They should root well in two or three weeks. If taken in pots, 5in pots are a very suitable size to put them in, and these should be filled with crocks before the soil is added; press the soil down moderately firm. After the cuttings are put in water them and place them in a good light position, shaded but little, if any, from the sun, and freely exposed to the air.

Dahlias.—Some of the early-planted dahlias will now require "stopping," that is, the main shoot cut off, and in doing this see that three pairs of leaves are left, so as to get six shoots thrown out from the axils of the leaves. When these are developed, keep only five, taking one up the main stake as a centre to the plant, and fastening the other four to stakes driven on opposite sides of the plant. In tying out the lateral shoots great care must be taken to avoid breaking out these shoots at the angle where they join the main stalk, this being a very weak spot.

In many places so far there has not been any occasion for heavy watering, but should the weather be very dry, then the plants will require more. The best guide is to scratch up the earth an inch or two and see how moist it be. The plants do not want to be bogged, nor on the other hand should they be allowed to get a check from too great drought.

Keep a watchful eye for thrips and red spider, both of which may attack dahlias this and next month. The appearance of the upper side of the leaf will soon tell tales, which an inspection of the lower side will confirm. If either pest be found, syringe or apply the hose under the leaves; this will generally prove effectual. Sometimes when the young plant begins to grow it develops a miserable, stunted sort of growth; this is best cut out, cutting back to an eye on the main stalk.

Waste Corners.—The question of weeds is often the cause of much concern with amateur gardeners. How they come, and the rapidity with which they increase, alarm the careful man, who has, perhaps, little thought of the neighbouring ground, whilst he labours hard to keep his own clean. But if there be a hedge or ditch near him, or a waste piece of land upon which weeds are allowed to grow without check it is sufficient to produce a crop for some distance around. The birds, and the winds, all help to sow the garden with weed seeds, which quickly germinate in the improved surroundings. Then such places harbour hosts of vermin, which travel far and near after more palatable food than the ditch or waste land affords. How often may be seen on a dull evening or showery day many enormous slugs and snails crossing our paths, and leaving their slimy tracks for many yards, showing at once what distance they will go in search of food better than they find where bred. It becomes necessary to keep all places clean, all weeds raked out of the bottoms of hedges, around trees, and see there is nowhere in the garden or near it a dirty corner or an overgrown neglected spot, for wherever vermin can remain undisturbed they multiply in prodigious numbers, and supply an interminable quantity of mischief and vexation during the summer months.

Another important matter is that the removal of weeds should be effected while they are young, and before the flowers have sufficient time to develop and ripen seed, otherwise the poor cultivator will be constantly tormented with fresh batches after heavy rains. It can now be done with the single stroke of a steel rake or hoe.

Glass Houses, etc.—Well-established houses are looking very well just now. Gloxinias are coming into bloom in many places, and promises well. Be careful to tone down the light when they grow, and give water freely, but avoid watering the leaves. If any good varieties are to be propagated do it by the leaves. Cut the well-developed leaves with half an inch of stem, and insert the stem, and about an inch of the leaf in good soil, pressing the soil moderately firm.

Shading, syringing, and watering regularly will, perhaps, be the most important work in this department. Some plants in small pots will require water twice a day. Such favourites as fuchsias and tuberous rooted begonias will be much benefited by periodical supplies of liquid manure. Head back crotons that have grown too tall and use the cuttings for propagation. Caladiums and alocasias should be removed to the cool house, and be kept well supplied with water. Achimenes in flower should be watered regularly. Ferns, whether in conservatory or bush-house, will require frequent syringing.

A first sowing of primulas may now be made. These old favourites, so much improved of late years, are by no means difficult to grow. In fact they give but little trouble, and are not much affected by insects. Sow in a compost of good turfy loam and thoroughly decomposed leaf mould, with enough sand to make the whole sufficiently porous. Soon as the seeds begin to germinate put them in the light, and let them be carefully watered until they are large enough to pot off. Some fine strains of freshly imported seeds can now be obtained from our leading nurserymen.

The Bushhouse.—Most amateurs know that many plants will do remarkably well in the bushhouse. Many things that object to too much heat and want plenty of air will do far better in this structure than the greenhouse. Fuchsias will still bloom for months in it, and if they are fed a little will increase in attractiveness and beauty. All the Rex tribe of begonias will grow splendidly in the shaded part of the house, and many ferns will be quite at home. Adiantum gracillimum and other varieties of great beauty will grow in perfect health and with much vigour in a house of this kind. This should be more generally tried than it is by those who grow the best known ferns, and wish to use the fronds for cut flowers.

In the warm districts the following will all grow to perfection in a well-constructed bushhouse:—Begonias, foliage and tuberous rooted, also the winter-flowering, such as B. metallica, Spotted Queen, etc., Impatiens sultana, balsams, marantas, all the hardy ferns, including most of the adiantums, gloxinias, gesneras, fuchsias, achimenes, coleus, liliums (of sorts), many of the choice varieties of azaleas, which do not succeed so well in the open, Primula sinensis, also Primula obconica, another very beautiful variety from China.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

This and next month is generally considered the best time for sowing seed for the general crop of cauliflower; but the amateur must remember that unless well-grown the cauliflower is comparatively worthless. It requires a rich soil, and the most liberal cultivation possible, and should never suffer from drought. The wisdom of planting out the cauliflower in its smallest state will be seen if we remind our amateurs that when they become somewhat large in the seed bed, and are then transplanted, they produce as the result of an untimely check small worthless heads. The varieties now in favour are hardier and handsomer than the older kinds, and somewhat quicker in attaining maturity.

The most simple and economical way of training tomato plants is by first placing three stakes firmly in the ground in a circle, and place three hoops over the stakes about 12in apart, the top one being a few inches larger in circumference than the second one, and the next being a little larger than the bottom one. This will be found a good plan to keep the fruit off the ground, and besides it makes the plant look neat and ornamental.

THE NOR'-EAST CORNER.

ITS DEVELOPMENT AND NEEDS.

II.

One of the most potent factors in the advancement of the dairying industry on these rivers has been the introduction of paspalum. Mr. Edward Seccombe, of Wollongbar, in 1892 got a selection of grass seed from America, and later he found paspalum dilatatum growing among the rest. Mr. C. A. Barham, town clerk of Lismore, planted some roots in the council chamber enclosure, and the growth there soon caught the eye of the settlers. That was the beginning, and soon paspalum seed was selling at 10s per lb. But the new grass entered upon its new home in riotous good humour. It took charge of things wherever it was planted, and to-day it spreads a warm green carpet from the Richmond to the Tweed. Both rivers acknowledge it to be the true base of their present prosperity, and although he little dreamed of what he was doing at the time, the people of these districts will raise a statue to the man who introduced it.

Although mixed farming is rapidly developing, it looks as though wool returns are unlikely to increase the revenues of the settlers. Judging by experience so far, no sheep can survive long in this nor'-east corner of the State. It is too damp for the hot weather animal, and too hot for the cold weather one. Experiment after experiment has been tried, and all have failed dismally. We have an eloquent instance offered at Kyogle. One settler imported 1200 sheep on to his holding, and in seven months he had exactly 82, though he neither killed nor sold a head. Maybe in time there will be evolved a sheep to suit this country, and if that be accomplished it must inevitably add enormously to the wealth of the corner, because of the remarkable carrying capacity of the soil; but in the meantime the way to that accomplishment is going to be a costly affair. Strangely enough, you hear complaints, too, that horses do not do well on the northern rivers. They all fall off noticeably after they have been there some time, and the general type of animal you notice at work certainly bears out the complaint. But the absence of lime in the soil has probably more to do with this than uncongenial climatic conditions.

On the other hand, it would seem that goats do well in these districts. By the way, is there any district in which the goat would be unhappy? There is, of course, no call for the importation of the ordinary goat, but the fact is valuable in so far as it suggests Angoras. The Angora, besides being an animal of immediate profit in regard to its hair, is also valuable by reason of its propensity for keeping down certain growths that are merely a nuisance. This goat has been proved to do well in these districts, but unfortunately the only instance of an attempt to deal with him on a commercial scale proved nothing but the immorality of some person or persons unknown. You will hear the story at Lismore—how one enthusiast imported a fine little herd, got one good clip from it, and then, while he was away in Sydney attending to a law suit, someone stole every hoof he possessed, and he has heard no more of those goats, except from the local wits, from that day to this. It is a story from which it is hard to extract a moral, except it be in reference to the baneful effect of law suits.

There are two big needs in the nor'-east corner, just as there are those same two big needs everywhere else in the State—more land for settlement and increased transit facilities. Private enterprise, if it may be called such, has done and is doing a good deal to meet the first. Nearly all the Richmond country above Coraki was formerly held in big cattle runs. Here there were a group of big landholders right out of the world, but proudly jealous of their seclusion. There are some funny stories told of the opposition of the squatters to the new town of Casino. They protested against the establishment of a post-office, because it was "unnecessary," and there are letters extant actually embodying a formal objection to any settlement generally, on the naive ground that it "would disturb the cattle." But, years afterwards, when towns sprang up willy-nilly, and the dairyman was afield, the newer generation of squatters began to give way before the clamour for land—and incidentally before the big prices offered. At first there were a few tenant farmers and dairymen on the share system, and then the owners of Wooroowoolgen, near Casino, subdivided. That was the lead needed, and since then Tomki, Kyogle, Wyangarie, Runnymede, Strathedon, Tooloon, and Woodenbong are either largely tenanted, cut up, or in process of subdivision, while other owners, realising that the day of the big cattle run in these districts is over, are beginning to think about dissolution. But the supply of land throughout this corner has by no means kept pace with the demand, and now we have the unfortunate spectacle of dozens of young local farmers crossing the border into Queensland in quest of property. There is still a large area that the Government could make available for settlement to the north and north-west of Lismore, and beyond Kyogle, and the matter should receive prompt attention, in view of the little exodus to Atherton that Lismore complains about. Much of the Crown land is locked up in timber reserves, and although it is essential that there should be such reserves in timber country, it is indubitably a fact that a very large area of land is reserved here that will never raise marketable timber if left alone from now to Doomsday. Back from Kyogle there are 500,000 acres of Crown lands. All the best of this is reserved, and although it is all magnificent dairying country, there are thousands of acres that cannot be considered timber country in any sense. The question of definitely deciding what is really timber country and what is not in this district might well be taken in hand at once, in order to facilitate legitimate settlement. On the Tweed, practically all the workable land has already been taken up, and here the only hope for further settlement is in the subdivision of existing holdings. Although there are no big areas here, there are many of about 300 and 400 acres, and, as good livings are going to be made out of 100 and 150 acres, these will inevitably be split up.

In regard to transit facilities the Grafton railway comes into the corner at Casino, and running via Lismore and Byron Bay to Murwillumbah affords a fine backbone to these districts, but it would be by no means all-sufficing in the eyes of local residents, even if it were run on more up-to-date methods than those which govern it to-day. You hear demands for railway extension on every side—demands which it must be confessed have not in many cases the slightest hope of being met. The more unfortunate suggestions are that Ballina should be connected with the main line by a 12-mile branch from Booyong, that a connection should be effected between Murwillumbah and the Queensland system, that a light line should be pushed to the north of Lismore to tap the dairying and coal-bearing country about Nimbin and beyond, that Coraki—which is geographically a most important distributing centre—should be connected with Casino and thus afford a through line from Coraki to Kyogle, and, finally, that the Kyogle line, when completed, should be continued on the Richmond and then swing round via Acacia Creek to the main system of the State. Side by side with these proposals are demands for bar improvements at Ballina, the construction of a breakwater at Byron Bay, and assistance to the shire councils to enable them to make some pretence at opening up absolutely new country with trafficable roads. This latter item is the one deserving of more consideration than all. Some of the councils which came into existence without a road in their shire, find it absolutely impossible to meet the needs of their district. The country is some of the worst in the State for vehicle traffic, and the handicap that is put upon the out-back settler in consequence is heart-breaking.

Of the railway proposals that to connect Kyogle with Tenterfield has a State significance. The principle has now been accepted that it is desirable to connect our main systems by cross-country lines. It carries its argument on the face of it when you look at that part of our territory under review. Tenterfield is within 90 miles of Casino, yet, supposing the North Coast line were completed, to get from one place to the other by rail would necessitate a journey of over 800 miles, via Maitland. Of course, this cross-country principle could easily be pushed too far, but in no other part of the State can such a line accomplish more than this to connect the tableland with the coast. The districts at either end are so complementary, the one producing just what the other wants. Further, it will afford to that vast territory to the north and west of Armidale a short cut to the coast, and allow the big traffic of its products to travel along a natural channel. But one of the biggest reasons for the line is that it will mean a quick route from the drought country. The north coast districts are the logical refuge of starving stock from behind the mountains, and it has so often happened in existing circumstances that while the western man has found it practically impossible to get his animals to grass the coast man has been at his wits' end to keep his grass down. The route suggested puts the old via Drake suggestion completely out of court. The engineering difficulties would not be great, the line would open up good country throughout, and to a very large extent it would pass through Crown lands. On the other hand, the via Drake line could not be used without some special hill-climbing device; the country it would tap is poor, and practically all the land is alienated.

Notwithstanding all its wants one leaves the nor'-east corner with the impression that a tremendous faith, thoroughly justified, is at the bottom of its remarkable activity. A striking index to this spirit was afforded when the people of Murwillumbah within a year built a bigger and better town on the ashes of the old. It was only unbounded faith in the district that could have accomplished this rehabilitation; yet what was done by Murwillumbah would have been achieved by almost any other town on the north coast in similar circumstances. Wherever you go you seem to sense this wonderful spirit of assurance among the people. You find it nowhere else in the State quite so markedly—least of all in the weather-harassed territory beyond the mountains. Here the community presents the future with a blank cheque, with the utmost confidence, or, if you will, casts its bread upon the waters well knowing that after not many days it will return. But the most remarkable thing about it all is that this spirit is not a thing of evolution; it has not grown up with the towns, but it sprang full-fledged into being well within the present decade. Prior to that the north coast was as despondent and pessimistic as any hamlet without pride of a past or prospect of a railway away out in the sun-baked west. Then the paspalum began to spread its green carpet over the land, and the cow came into her own—and now you may talk of the possibility of shattered butter markets till your tongue aches, and you will in nowise shake the confidence of the north coast man in his domain. The man outside the towns growls, of course, after the manner of his kind the world over. A wise providence decreed that the man on the land should growl at something for ever, lest he should die of sheer content. So here, with the best of weather, the best of land, the absence of poverty and pests, he growls at governments and shire councils. There is assuredly a heart-rending prospect ahead of the farmer up here when all the railways have been constructed and all the roads have been metalled. But he has a good while to go yet.

POULTRY.

Questions relating to fancy or commercial poultry-keeping, diseases, etc, should be addressed to "Ancona," Herald Office.

Rockdale.—Communicate with Messrs. John Fairfax and Sons for the information desired.

Adelaide.—It is a rather big order to tell you how poultry farming pays in this State. However, there are quite a number of farms which have been in existence for many years; they are continuing to grow, and the belief is they are doing very well. If you are seriously thinking of attempting the business, you can be supplied with the addresses of a number of poultry farmers whom you could visit.

Some time ago a deputation waited on the Under-Secretary for Agriculture protesting about the great quantities of bad eggs imported into Sydney. It was shown in the "Herald" that the largest portion of the faulty ones came from our own northern rivers, and that were there not an egg imported, once January arrived, the "blacks" would again appear. They have already arrived, the commercial column of the "Herald" the present week showing the extraordinary margin of sixpence in a dozen of eggs; northerns from 9d, new-laid to 1s 3d. The lower price is that received per dozen for the case as it arrives. The purchaser takes it home, candles the eggs, and throws the bad ones out. In other instances the Sussex-street agents grade, those selected as good fetching about 1s, as against 1s 3d for suburbans. The shilling article is good in every way for cooking, being perhaps a couple of weeks older than those at 1s 3d.

It must not be supposed that all northern river eggs are cheap eggs. Many breeders who reside but a reasonable distance from ports, thus getting a quick delivery to Sydney, realise within a trifle of top prices. The faulty one come mostly from storekeepers on the upper reaches of the northern rivers, and, no matter how carefully collected, distance, time, and temperature—difficult to overcome—are responsible for their inferiority.

The Christmas poultry markets are now in full swing. During the week turkeys fetched up to 25s per pair alive, so that those who require a big one for dinner on the 25th may expect to have to pay a high figure. Young Muscovy drakes, which now occupy the place one time monopolised by the goose, fetched from 11s to 12s per couple, small ducks 6s, young cockerels of good size up to 8s 6d. Those, however, who desire a cheap poultry dinner can still have it. The large quantities of the better class of fowls arriving has had the effect of lowering the price of hens, good fat ones the present week offering at 3s 6d per pair; lower quality 6d cheaper. It may be remarked that a well-fleshed hen of two or three years of age, properly cooked, is as palatable and more nutritious than much of the more expensive poultry on offer. In contrast to the above late reports from a trade journal are to the effect that Londoners have the choice of game and poultry in its varied sorts for prices about half those obtaining here. Leadenhall markets: Surrey fowls, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; Boston, 1s 9d to 2s 6d; Irish, 1s to 1s 9d; chickens, 1s 3d; Irish geese, 2s to 4s; English, 5s to 6s; turkey poults, 5s to 6s each; large turkeys, 8d per lb; guinea fowls, 1s 3d; pheasants, 2s 6d each. The above are all plucked and dressed, whereas those quoted in the Sydney market are alive, and to which has to be added the cost of labour for dressing and the poulterer's profit.

The latest publication, "Diseases of Fowls," is the bulkiest of the fifteen farmers' bulletins issued by the Agricultural Department, there being 80 pages and illustrations, all about the ailments of fowls. The best authorities have been utilised in the work. Copies may be had free by writing to the Under-Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

FANCIERS' AFFAIRS.

For the past eight or nine years there has been a gradual annual falling off in entries at the metropolitan and country poultry shows, until the season now over, when the number of exhibits—the Royal excepted—was the lowest on record for the past two decades. The Poultry Club, which a few years ago had an entry of 1500 in the poultry section, had dropped to about 400 at last show, not half the number which appeared away back in 1886. All the other societies, city, suburban, and country, have suffered big reductions, but perhaps more pronounced at the metropolitan shows. The seriousness of the reduction is such that a few breeders are now giving thought as to the cause, some attributing it to the multiplicity of small suburban shows, others to faulty judging, or peculiar practices. Neither of these things is the cause, the decline being just as great in Victoria, Brisbane, and other centres as here. The simple fact is that it does not pay now to show. In the time of big entries, eight to a dozen years ago, were an exhibitor only successful to the extent of a single first or second prize he or she would be sure of disposing of a number of settings of eggs, and some purebred fowls at a guinea each or more, while those who were able to make better show records had no difficulty in disposing of all the prize-bred eggs and stock they produced. Quite a number of fanciers at that time made a living at the game, and in turn spent large sums in procuring prize stock from England, some years as much as £500 worth arriving. That is all now changed, due to the fact that for years the press, the poultry experts, and others have been advocating and urging farmers and other breeders to discard the mongrel fowl in favour of the purebred, and to the people's credit they took the advice, with the result that each year more people are acquiring pure breeds, consequently less purchases, until the present year, when between 85 and 90 per cent. of the poultry offered at the ordinary market sales for killing purposes are not only of pure descent, but many fit for the show pen. The large and successful poultry farms now nearly all stock pure breeds. This is a splendid thing for the poultry industry, which comprises the larger portion of fowl growers, but is the cause of the slump in the fanciers' side of the business, the purchasers of former years being now producers, and accountable for the fact that of late years the successful show men benefit but little beyond the actual prize money, and this rarely pays the show expenses. In the times spoken of as much as £300 worth of prize stock changed hands in a show; now, about a ten pound note covers the sales. The result is that the bulk of the one-time exhibitors have retired from the show pen, because it does not pay them. They still keep good fowls, but only a few specialists exhibit them. The gate money now also suffers. In the earlier times as much as £200 has been taken at a poultry show in Sydney; perhaps £20 covered the biggest amount received the present year.

—At the same time it is admitted there is some friction amongst the societies, and to a better understanding and usefulness the Fanciers' Association has made a number of recommendations, which provide for the affiliation of country and metropolitan societies, giving them the right to send a delegate each to the committee of the Fanciers' Association with power to speak and vote at such. Coops are to be provided, to lend at a low rate to the affiliated societies, and medals offered for competition amongst district exhibitors. That there should be some governing body in the fancy is admitted, but the recommendations as above are for the most part embodied in the Poultry Club's regulations.

HOLIDAY FICTION.

Many literary cooks are like the domestic treasure who makes only one soup. Of such is H. G. Wells, whose "War in the Air" (Bell) comes from the well-known prophetic mantle department. "This here progress," said Mr. Tom Smallways, suburban grocer, "it keeps on." You'd hardly think Mr. Wells could keep on; but he does. Bert Smallways was the progressive son. Bert shocked his father before he was 12, went to shorthand classes at the Bun Hill Institute when he was 16, and to the bad on a motor bicycle when he was 20. Meanwhile the channel was bridged with a Brennan mono-rail running on Eiffel Towers, and the flying boom began. Presently Bert's bicycle gets burnt, and the newspapers foam at the headlines. If the connection between these events is not obvious, neither is life itself. It is clear that before long Bert was carried away in a balloon, out of which the only successful inventor of aeroplanes had fallen. Of course he blundered into the hot focus of Welt-Politik—drifted into the German air-ship Park. The fleet was just off to give America "what for." However, the Americans had an aged scientist who knew how to kill airship crews by upward lightning. But really if you want to know what happened on Goat Island you must go to Mr. Wells.

It began in a San Francisco den, where money meant to corner copra in the Solomons. The Solomons do not look much like "The Altar Stairs," but that way G. B. Lancaster fashions them (Hodder and Stoughton). Rod Maclean took the job. The steaming heat was enough to melt the marrow in a man's bones, and beyond the ink-black shadow cast by the mangroves the shell-beach dazzled in the whiteness that burns sight from the eyes. Presently trader and missionary cross swords. The smell of blood gets strong; the altar stairs smoke with sacrifice. But in Joie's Garden the terror of a soul that recognised itself came to Rod, and thereafter he could clutch at life with clean hands. Rod is very interesting as long as he has a bad reputation—and it lasts through most of the book.

Anthony Partridge's "Ghosts of Society" has an American girl on the cover and a secret society devoted to secondary selves inside. The American girl badly wanted to be a ghost, but the social selectness of the disembodied is apparently appalling. With the up-to-date spirit and inquiring mind so delightfully characteristic of her species, she hires an American Sherlock Holmes, who discovers strange sins and Sultans. There were stolen jewels and Lord Evelyn, a leading ghost, offers to find them, but not to give the offender to justice. In spite of the ethical immorality of the proposition the Sultan immediately offers him refreshments. In the next chapter Pamela was eating cakes, and Evelyn's bow was correct, if frigid. Presently more jewels disappear, and Lady Vanderheim only just missed seeing them under a newspaper in Evelyn's room. The duke was naturally much annoyed. The inspector had his fingers on the cabinet, and Lord Evelyn had his on a little bottle in his waistcoat pocket. But the danger passed. Fortunately Lord Evelyn knew a very high-class "fence" indeed—his name was Anlytos. These robberies may seem very shocking, but the reader may be assured that they had no sordid motive. Lord Evelyn was an apostle of art for art's sake. "I will come," Pamela answered, when a few of these successes have been chronicled, "though I may find it a little difficult to realise your point of view"—and Pamela became Ghost Number Eight. Unluckily, murder occasionally accompanies a high moral purpose. "My good friends," Mallison faltered, "pray do not disturb yourselves. I have taken poison enough to kill a dozen men." His self-sacrifice saved the situation. But what became of Pamela?

There are two distinct types of American fiction—the novel of sentiment and the novel of strength. To the latter class belong the nervous books that describe the elements of greatness in American strenuousness. Stewart White is a master of this art, and those who have thrilled to the story of "The Blazed Trail" will want to take "The Riverman" for their holiday reading. The story opens in a timber camp in 1873. Soon we are in the thick of a fight between rivermen and dam-owners, and from that on to the finish the stirring tale of elemental strength and passion never flags. There is elemental passion, too, and plenty of it, in a German novel of Ernst Zahn, just excellently translated by Muriel Trollope—"Golden Threads" (Hutchinson). We can only give brief mention of a few other reasonably good stories. "Pan and the Little Green Gate" (Hodder and Stoughton) is a selection of daintily written short tales by Silvia Brett, each with a certain imaginative quality and a delicately wrought style. It is slight all through, but undoubtedly good work of its kind. "Sixty-nine Birnam-road" (Hodder and Stoughton) affords a congenial stage to the suburban Mr. Pett Ridge. But, like Mr. Gissing, he chooses a sordid setting for his strength. Even in fiction it is no doubt difficult to be both bad and beautiful; but the people of Birnam-road are neither. "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" (Scribner's) is a dramatic and moving story of the strenuous American type, by John Fox. Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler (otherwise the Honourable Mrs. Alfred Felkin) delights her clientele with "Miss Fallowfield's Fortune" (Cassell). It is one of her best books, and no more is needed to describe it. For those who prefer artists to art a companionable volume will be Snowden's "The Life Class" (Werner Laurie). It is a powerful and intimate study of life and character. Mrs. Baillie Saunders, the author of "Saints in Society," gives her friends something more to admire in her dexterously woven tangle "The Mayoress's Wooing" (Hutchinson). Eileen Fitzgerald shows considerable gift as a society entertainer of the drawing-room variety in "The Heart of a Butterfly" (Hutchinson), and those who like something more melodramatic ought to be satisfied with "The Prime Minister," in which Mr. Orme Angus has worked up a more or less breathless narrative.

From William Blackwood and Sons come a happy half-dozen. Sydney Grier's "The Heritage" is a sequel to "The Heir." Maurice Teffany, of the house of Theophanis, is living quietly, but there is a throne in the background which seems to be worth fighting for, and presently we are plunged into a maze of near eastern intrigue for the possession of Emathia. The two girls Eirene and Zoe and the moving spirits who touch the more sluggish men to fine issues. All the romance of a European incident is crowded into a very readable book. Hugh Clifford's "Saleh" is another sequel—to the first story in "Sally: A Study," published in 1902. The main subject is the folly of the attempt to westernise the Oriental mind by means of "an English education." We are making a monster, says Mr. Clifford; and he writes convincingly. Not even Winchester could root the savage out of Saleh. Garrett Mill makes a stirring story out of "Captain Grant's Despatch." The gallant captain carried it—or them—along the Kabul road, and the cunning foe first drugged him and then robbed him of his burden. Hence a foul suspicion falls on him—has he sold them to the enemy? The main theme is found in the efforts of his son to clear away the stain, and it is capitally worked out. "The Story of Esther," according to Maud Oxenden's version, is one of woman's devotion to a young nephew who had taken to drink. His sweetheart helps Esther to save him, and in the end they succeed. "Reality," by Margaret Paterson, is a quiet unpretentious narrative which describes how a Highland lassie waited for her lover to come back from India. Meantime her dearest girl friend married a young doctor and was very happy. However, after a long, long time Ted did come back, and Trissa was rewarded after her own heart. Percival Gibbon's "Salvator" is rather a strong book. Charters has not been a day in Mozambique before he is pledged to help a noted conspirator break gaol. Later he meets the liberated Baron in England, and himself gets mixed up in Salvator's plots, the result of it all being by no means bad reading.

Mr. Kinross has done well with "John of Garioch" (Macmillan), and those who like a rapid narrative of intrigue and adventure will find it worth while. The ingredients are: One newspaper correspondent, one Russian crisis, one marriage for money, one wicked foreigner who has to be pursued for Joan's sake throughout the volume, and one glowing denouement that must not be revealed.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The President took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL.

The House having gone into committee to consider the Assembly's message in reference to this bill, the Vice-President of the Executive Council moved that the committee do not insist upon its amendment, with which the Assembly disagreed, and agree to the Assembly's amendments.

The motion was agreed to.

WESTERN LAND BOARD EXTENSION BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly, and passed through all its stages.

LOAN BILL.

This bill was also received from the Assembly, and passed through all its stages.

PURE FOOD BILL.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council the House in committee resolved not to insist upon its amendments in this bill with which the Assembly disagreed, and agreed to the amendments made by the Assembly.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly, and passed through all its stages.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 6.55 p.m. the House adjourned sine die.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The work of the session was brought to a close last evening. When the sitting which was suspended at 2 a.m. yesterday, was resumed at half-past 10 o'clock, the House went into committee to consider the Legislative Council's amendments to the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill.

SYDNEY CORPORATION BILL.

The PREMIER said the Council had made a number of amendments in the bill, but most of them were of a formal nature. In clause 4 as the bill left the Assembly, it provided for a general rate of not less than 1d in the pound on the unimproved capital value, without any maximum restriction. Under the principal Act the Council also had power to levy up to 2s in the pound on the average annual value. The Legislative Council proposed to limit the unimproved value rate to a maximum of 3d in the pound, but as the clause now stood the City Council would probably at an early date have to strike two separate rates, and he proposed to amend the amendment to give the City Council power to strike the whole of the rates one way or the other, without restriction as to the amount of the unimproved value rate, or partly by both methods together, and to do it simultaneously. That was in consonance with the provisions of the Local Government Act. The other amendment he would ask the committee to make was with respect to the special rate for the Camperdown ward. The bill provided originally that the City Council should have the power to strike a rate of threepence on the annual rental value. The Legislative Council had introduced in this connection the unimproved value basis of taxation, but had not made a necessary consequential amendment in clause 43, and he would ask the committee to insert words to give full effect to the council's intention.

On clause 4, "Rate on unimproved capital value," the Premier moved to disagree with the Legislative Council's amendment limiting the rate to "not more than threepence in the pound," with the object of inserting a proviso to the effect that the total amount leviable under this part or under the corresponding part of the principal Act, as the case may be, should not exceed the amount which would be yielded by 3d in the pound on the unimproved value, and 2s on the annual rental value together.

The Premier's amendment was agreed to after some debate.

The Council had amended clause 22, relative to the additional rate on Camperdown ward, in the direction of making it obligatory, instead of optional, to levy the special rate. The Premier explained that the matter was one of agreement between the City Council and the Camperdown Council, but the Opposition insisted that the power should be optional. On division the Legislative Council's amendment was accepted by 26 votes to 15. With the exception of a consequential amendment the remaining amendments in the clause and in the bill were accepted.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

On the motion of the Premier the Appropriation Bill was read the second time, passed through its remaining stages, and forwarded to the Legislative Council.

THE LOAN BILL.

On the motion of the Treasurer the Loan Bill was read the second time, passed through its remaining stages, and forwarded to the Legislative Council.

SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST AND NAVIGATION BILL.

The House went into committee to consider the Legislative Council's amendment in the bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Acts. On the motion of the Treasurer the amendment was accepted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

The House went into committee to consider the Legislative Council's amendments in the Local Government Amending Bill.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS said the amendments in no way interfered with the principle of the bill, and he therefore moved that they be accepted.

Mr. M'GOWEN protested against the proposal to accept amendments in globo. He objected to the Legislative Council cutting and hacking the Assembly's bills.

After some debate, the whole of the Council's amendments were agreed to.

WESTERN LAND BOARD.

The Standing Orders were suspended to enable a "bill to extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales for one year" being passed through all its stages in one day.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS said the Commissioners were appointed for a term of seven years. That term would expire on December 31. The Commissioners were eligible for reappointment. The Government desired a little more time to consider the whole question before making permanent appointments for another seven years. The matter would be considered during recess, and Parliament informed of the Government's intention upon reassembling. He might say that the Government had no intention of placing the Lands Department under Commissioners in the sense understood by some people. Whatever was done the principle of Ministerial and Parliamentary responsibility would be retained. The primary work of adjusting the conditions of the Western land leases had been practically completed, but the duties still devolving upon the Commissioners were important. Changes had come about, and were still evolving. The demand for smaller settlement was spreading throughout the Western Division. The alternative to passing the bill would be to compel the Government to appoint, having as it had a free hand, three new Commissioners for the full period of seven years.

Mr. FITZPATRICK said that any attempt to place the Lands Department under Commissioners, in any respect, would be an acknowledgment of the Minister's unfitness to conduct the affairs of his department.

Mr. MACDONNELL was against the 12 months' extension, holding that it would break continuity of policy and open the way to log-rolling. People in the Western Division would get the idea that the Government was going to overturn the good work of the Commissioners, and a period of unrest and stagnation would result. There was no reason why the present Commissioners should not be appointed.

Mr. FLEMING said the Commissioners had saved the West, and should be reappointed.

Mr. BALL supported the bill, urging that the whole question should be reviewed. He thought the board should be wiped out altogether.

The bill was agreed to without amendment, and sent on to the Council.

PURE FOODS BILL.

The Council's amendments to the Pure Foods Bill were considered in committee.

The PREMIER took exception to two of the amendments in clause 60. He said that the Council's amendments provided that the Professor of Chemistry could be elected to the advisory committee only with the consent of the University Senate. As the University was largely subsidised by the taxpayers it was asking too much. The Council also wanted to restrict the Government to the choice of the Government Bacteriologist for the advisory committee. That would hamper the Government, as the Government Bacteriologist might not always be available. The Premier also took exception to the Council's amendment to clause 27, providing that analysts could be appointed only with the approval of the Senate. The Government should have a free hand in the appointments.

Amendments were proposed in accordance with the Premier's views, and carried. The amendments were then reported, and the bill sent back to the Council.

MINIMUM WAGES AND COAL MINES REGULATION BILLS.

The House agreed to the Council's amendments in the Minimum Wage Bill and the Coal Mines Regulation Bill.

NEW RAILWAYS.

On the motion of the Minister for Works the following proposed lines were referred to the Public Works Committee:—

Moree to Mungindi, at an estimated cost of £285,889.

Coramba to Dorrigo. The estimated cost for the ordinary type of railway on the standard gauge, the Minister said, was £667,158 for the length of 37 miles. Another survey had been made for the standard gauge with sharp curves for the Shay type of engine, and the cost would be £230,000. It was decided to adopt the latter.

Duplicating the Great Western railway line between Emu Plains and Blaxland.

Hermidale to Nymagee.

Peak Hill to Parkes. Though it was estimated the line would at the outset be worked at a loss of about £5000 a year, it would, he said, open up a large extent of good agricultural country.

Bega to Eden. He said the line would eventually form portion of the South Coast line, and would give immediate relief to a large and important district.

GENERAL WORKS PROPOSALS.

Bomaderry to Jervis Bay tramway. The Minister said that if it was decided to extend the South Coast railway practically the whole of the tram line could be utilised for railway purposes. The Railway Commissioners estimated an annual loss of £3400, but the probable revenue had been very much underestimated. The line would be 15 miles 26 chains in length. It would open up a tourist route which was likely to become very popular.

Military-road, North Sydney, to Cremorne Point tramway.

Waverley to Bronte tramway. The line would give access to a particularly popular resort, said the Minister, and its cost was estimated at £20,275.

The extension of the northern breakwater at Newcastle Harbour entrance. He said the engineers of the department strongly advocated its carrying out, to complete a work already commenced.

Scheme of wharfage at Carrington, in the port of Newcastle. The object of the work, the Minister said, was to provide increased facilities for shipping, and to relieve the congestion which had occurred there. The estimated cost of the scheme was £646,000.

Sewerage systems in the municipalities of Goulburn and Lithgow.

Remodelling the Parliamentary buildings. The idea, the Minister explained, was to practically rebuild Parliament House, though the Legislative Assembly chamber would be preserved on account of its historic considerations. The Legislative Council chamber would be rebuilt on modern lines. The front elevation would be rebuilt, and the completed buildings would present an imposing appearance.

Completion of the Fisher Library, Sydney University.

SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL.

Mr. CLARK moved the second reading of the Servants Registry Bill. He said the object of the measure was to protect people looking for work against extortionate fees. It was similar to a bill passed in Victoria. It provided for the registration of offices, and other safeguards to control these establishments.

The motion for the second reading was defeated by 28 votes to 26.

LISMORE CHURCH LANDS BILL.

Mr. HINDMARSH moved the second reading of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lismore Church Lands Bill. He said it had three main principles, namely, the validation of the title of the land on which the Cathedral now stood, the appointment of trustees, and the vesting in the trustees of power to lease, mortgage, or sell.

The second reading was agreed to, and the bill was passed through its remaining stages.

HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL.

The Homing Pigeons Protection Bill was further considered in committee. Clause 3, which set forth that "any person who shall intentionally or negligently shoot, kill, disable, ensnare, or otherwise injure any homing pigeon" should be liable to a £20 penalty, was amended by the omission of the words "or negligently."

On the motion of Mr. Carmichael new clause 10 was inserted providing that the Act should be administered by the Chief Secretary, who should have power to frame the necessary regulations.

SYDNEY BETHEL UNION EXTENSION BILL.

Mr. LEVY moved the second reading of the Sydney Bethel Union Extension Bill. He said owing to the death of the original trustees the present trustees had a defective title to the land granted to the Sydney Bethel Union. Other clauses empowered the trustees to erect necessary buildings for church purposes. The bill could also empower the trustees to lease, sell, or mortgage the land.

The second reading was agreed to, and the bill was taken through committee without amendment, read a third time, and passed.

TRADES UNIONS REGULATION BILL.

A bill for the regulation of trades unions, and the protection of the funds thereof; to amend the laws relating to conspiracy in certain respects; to amend the Trades Union Act of 1881, and the Industrial Disputes Act of 1908, was read the first time on the motion of Mr. Holman.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Soldiers, Sailors and Ships (picture book). (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
Fair Friends (picture book). (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
Animal Friends and Foes. (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
Sunny Smiles. (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
World-wide Adventures. (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
Tales from Tennyson. (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
Legends and Lyrics: Gem Classics. (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
Two Princes of Science—Edison, Marconi. (William Collins, Sons, and Co.)
Democracy and Character: Canon Stephens. (Melville and Mullen.)
Chums: Annual 1908. (Cassell.)
Runaways and Castaways: Lucas. (Wells, Gardner, Darton, and Co.)
Children of the Dawn: Buckley. (Wells, Gardner, Darton, and Co.)
The Prize, 1908. (Wells, Gardner, Darton, and Co.)
Leading Strings. Wells, Gardner, Darton, and Co.)
Chatterbox, 1908. (Wells, Gardner, Darton, and Co.)
Sunday Reading. (Wells, Gardner, Darton, and Co.)
Line Upon Line. (R.T.S.)
New Zealand: Horsley. (Jack.)
Letters of Queen Victoria (3 vols.). (Murray.)
Henry Pelham, Fifth Duke of Newcastle: Matineau. (Murray.)
The Rabbit's Day in Town. (Blackie.)
Poems by Jean Ingelow. (Blackie.)
Blackie's Children's Annual. (Blackie.)
The Fijians: Thomson. (Heinemann.)
Poems from "Punch." (Harrap.)
David Syme: Pratt. (Ward, Lock.)
On the Wings of a Wish: Major. (C.M.S.)
The Case for the Goat. (Routledge.)
Dan to Beersheba: A. R. Colquhoun. (Heinemann.)
The Man From Snowy River: Paterson. (Angus and Robertson.)

FICTION.

Norcliff Court: Kneeshaw. (Collins.)
Maisie's Discovery: Marchant. (Collins.)
The Lost Chord: Mulholland. (Collins.)
The Trail of the Lonesome Pine: Fox. (Scribner's, through Angus and Robertson.)
Miss Fallowfield's Fortune: Fowler. (Cassell and Co.)
The Story of Esther: Oxenham. (Blackwood.)
Saleh: Clifford. (Blackwood.)
The Heritage: Grier. (Blackwood.)
Salvator: Gibbon. (Blackwood.)
Reality: Paterson. (Blackwood.)
Captain Grant's Despatch: Mill. (Blackwood's.)
My Mistress the Queen: Paull. (Blackie.)
The Third Class at Miss Kayes: Brazil. (Blackie.)
John Halifax Gentleman: Craik. (Blackie.)
The Island Traders: Macdonald. (Blackie.)
The Hill that Fell Down: Sharp. (Blackie.)
A Middy in Command: Collingwood. (Blackie.)
Mr. Midshipman Glover: Jeans. (Blackie.)
Roughriders of the Pampas: Brereton. (Blackie.)
The White Trial: Macdonald. (Blackie.)
Lenore Stubbs: Walford. (Longman's, through George Robertson.)

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Nurse Stuart then consulted other reputable specialists and some of the leading medical practitioners known in the profession. All these able men took advantage of every recognised medical treatment in this case, for, in addition to the financial consideration, their professional reputation was at stake, and they took a personal interest in the woman. Her case received special attention, but all the efforts made by these well-known medical men seemed to have been in vain, for the poor woman was continually getting worse. She then tried some of the advertised devices for curing Deafness and Head Noises, but without any benefit, until, fortunately, one day, she was told of the Earoscope, which applied Pure Aural Kinetics to the Ear.

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Department of Agriculture,
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue, unless Caveats be lodged in accordance with the Third Schedule to the said Act ON OR BEFORE THE 25th JANUARY, 1909:—

No. 15,151. APPLICANTS:—Percival Moore Waddy, Oliver Kay Young, Amrish Thomas, and Robert Lockwood Logan, all of West Maitland. LAND:—County Northumberland, parish Stanford, shire Tarro, 9 acres 3 roods 19¼ perches on road from Mulbring to Maitland, part 10 acres (portion 50 of parish) granted to Hugh Morgan; adjoining properties of G. Thomas and P. M. Waddy, O. K. Young, A. Thomas, C. E. Crutch, R. L. Logan, and J. R. Carlton, and Crown land.

No. 15,291. APPLICANT:—Frank John Powney, Dulwich Hill. LAND:—Municipality Marrickville, 27¼ perches in Newington-road, late Emily-street, and Lower Tupper-street, Stanmore, being lots 3, 4, and part lots 5 and 6, section 2, F. Hall's subdivision, and part 100 acres granted to Edward Laing; adjoining properties of T. P. Reeve, M. J. Pitman, H. Fletcher, F. and H. Robinson, executrix C. W. Hensley, deceased.

No. 15,319. APPLICANTS:—Alexander Howlison, Dundas, and James Cadwallader, Petersham. LAND:—Municipality Marrickville, 22¼ perches, on Livingstone-road, —lot 5, section 2, Graham's Bush paddock subdivision, —and part 700 acres granted to Thomas Moore; adjoining properties of W. Thornley and Mrs. A. Herlihy.

No. 15,384. APPLICANTS:—John Alexander Mitchell, Carlton, Ada Sarah Mary Mitchell, Edith Gertrude Rose Mitchell, both Woonona. LAND:—Country Camden, parish Wonona, shire Bulli, 120 acres 1 rood, near Woonona Railway Station,—part land granted as 50 acres (portion 108 of parish), to John Kelly, and 50 acres (portion 109 of parish) to Patrick Callaghan, exclusive of South Coast Railway, the area of which has been deducted from total area; adjoining properties of Nicholson Park Trust, Mrs. Knight, H. Martin, S. T. Kurton, J. S. Kurton, the Woonona Bowling Club, W. Bonie, W. Bennett, Bellambi Coal Company, Limited, J. Farraher, and Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways.

No. 15,483. APPLICANT:—Annie de Lacy, Willoughby. LAND:—Municipality Willoughby, 24¼ perches in Sydney-street,—lot 9, Tramway Terminus Estate, and part 640 acres (portion 98 of parish) granted to John Stirling; adjoining properties of Industrial Permanent Building Society and Mrs. A. Shelley.

No. 15,528. APPLICANT.—Annie Crawford, Hurstville. LAND:—Municipality of Hurtsville, 1 rood 31¼ perches on Forest-road, lots 3, 4, and 5, section B, Hurstville Hill Estate, and part 1950 acres (portion 115 of parish) granted to John Townson; adjoining properties of A. W. Cover and F. J. Mumby.

No. 15,539. APPLICANTS:—Sydney Collins Watkins, Hornsby, and Thomas Campion Lodge, Lismore. LAND:—County Cumberland, parish South Colah, shire Hornsby, 33 acres 3 roods 31¼ perches, on Peat's Ferry and Berowra Old roads,—part 40 acres (portion 17 of parish) granted to Jonas Fear; adjoining properties of L. Von Hoeren, A. Lawless, A. Campbell, A. Mongan, and T. O'Neill, S. C. Watkins, and T. C. Lodge, W. Fear and T. J. Best.

No. 15,569. APPLICANT:—Annie Roles, Marrickville. LAND:—Municipality Manly, 13¼ perches, in Cliff-street, —part lot 25, section 1, Clifton Heights, and part 100 acres granted to Richard Cheers; adjoining properties of E. E. Sanders, H. Dawson, P. A. Pye, and W. S. Foster.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

W. G. H-WILLIAMS,
Registrar-General.

9th December, 1908. (1d-24)

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No. 15,490. APPLICANT:—Alexander Cruikshank, Camperdown. LAND:—Municipality Camperdown, 9 perches in Isabella-street,—lot 14 (as occupied), section 3, Milton-terrace Estate, and part 240 acres granted to William Bligh; adjoining properties of C. B. or C. L. Finlater, and J. Clune.

Diagrams delineating this land may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

W. G. H-WILLIAMS,
Registrar-General.

9th December, 1908. (1d-24)

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, December 18, 1908.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.

TENDERS for the Works, etc., specified below will be received at this Department until 2 o'clock p.m. on the dates mentioned:—

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1908.

General Repairs, etc., Public School, Minmi.
Construction of an Excavated Tank at Gulgong, Mudgee to Dunedoo Railway. (Fresh Tenders.)
Alterations and Improvements to Public School, Mosman.
Supply and Delivery of 64,000 Ironbark or Approved Hardwood Sleepers.
Erection of Temporary Classrooms, Public School, Waverley.
Painting, etc., Public School, Sutherland.
General Repairs, Painting, etc., Public School, Leichhardt West.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1908.

Additions to Post and Telegraph Office, Coolamon.
Erection of Teacher's Residence, Public School, Boggabilla.
Extension of Broken Hill Tramways from Argent-street via Silver-street to end of Blende-street.
Additions to Telephone Exchange, Post and Telegraph Office, Hunter's Hill.
Additions and Alterations to Post and Telegraph Office, Collarendabri.
Additions and Alterations to Post and Telegraph Office, Grafton.
Supply and Delivery of Overhead Wiring Material for Electric Tramway construction.
Supply of Ironbark and Hardwood Timber.
Erection of New Building, Public School, Collarendabri. (Fresh Tenders.)
Construction of an Excavated Tank at Tullamore, Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway. (Fresh Tenders.)
Fencing Police Buildings, Gongolgon. (Fresh tenders.)
Erection of New Closets, Repairs, Painting, etc., Public School, Newport.
Alterations and Painting, Lands Office, Tamworth. (Fresh tenders.)
Poles and Overhead Wiring for Electric Tramway from Lillie Bridge, via Booth-street to Piper-street, Leichhardt. Part 2, Johnstone-street, Annandale, to Piper-street, Leichhardt.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1909.

Construction of the Second Section of the Mudgee to Dunedoo Railway, viz., Gulgong to Dunedoo.
Construction of an Embankment at the Breakaway, between Goobang Creek and Lachlan River, about 9 miles east of Condobolin, Lachlan River District Improvements.
Erection of Courthouse, Trangie. (Fresh Tenders.)
Alterations and Additions to Post and Telegraph Office, Gulgong.
Erection and Completion of New Police Buildings and Court-room, Blackville. (Fresh Tenders.)
Construction of the Third Section, North Coast Railway, viz., Gloucester to Taree. (Time extended.)
Erection of New W.C.'s and Sewerage Connections, Public School, Concord.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1909.

Extension of Broken Hill Tramways, from Beryl-street to The Oval.
Construction of Cuttings and Banks from Brobens-road to Merrool Creek Crossing, Murrumbidgee Northern Canal. (Time extended.)
Additions and Alterations to Post and Telegraph Office, Casino.
Erection of Science Rooms, Public School, Young.
Additions and Alterations to Court-house and Police Buildings, Merriwa. (Fresh tenders.)
Supply of Ironbark Piles.
Erection of Police Station, Harwood Island.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1909.

Construction of Storage Reservoir Dam on the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme.
Erection of Technical College, West Maitland. (Fresh tenders.)
Additions and Alterations to Public School and Residence, Moss Vale.
Additions to Public Schools Forbes.
Erection of Lands Office, Orange.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1909.

Supply and Erection of Pumping Machinery, Water Supply, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond. (Time Extended.)

(6a-68) CHARLES A. LEE.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

TENDERS for the Works specified below will be received up to 2 p.m. on the dates mentioned. For particulars see "Government Gazette":—

DECEMBER 21, 1908.

CONTRACT 822.—Construction of 1800 lineal feet Stoneware Pipe Sewers in the Municipality of Manly. (Fresh Tenders.)

CONTRACT 832.—Construction of 3100 lineal feet of Stoneware Pipe Sewers in the Municipality of Leichhardt. (Low level.)

CONTRACT 833.—Construction of 14,900 lineal feet of Stoneware and Castiron Pipe Sewers in the Municipality of Leichhardt.

4th JANUARY, 1909.

CONTRACT 835.—Construction of 7650 lineal feet of Stoneware Pipe Sewers, Municipality of Randwick.

WILLIAM HOLMES, Secretary.

341 Pitt-street, Sydney, December 18, 1908. (61-63)

Department of Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, 11th November, 1908.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PLANT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SMALL ARMS, BAYONETS, AND SCABBARDS.

Tenders for the supply of a Plant for the manufacture of Small Arms, Bayonets, and Scabbards will be received at the Office of the Secretary, Department of Defence, up to Noon on MONDAY, the 18th January, 1909.

Specifications and general conditions may be obtained at the above named office, or at the office of the Military Commandant at Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, or Hobart respectively.

Tenders to be endorsed, "Tender for the supply of a Plant for the manufacture of Small Arms, Bayonets, and Scabbards," and to be addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda-road, Melbourne.

THOS. EWING,
Minister of State for Defence.

Commonwealth of Australia.
Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1908.

TENDERS will be received, subject to the Conditions of Tendering, for General Repairs, etc., at Military Buildings and Fortifications, MIDDLE HEAD DISTRICT, Port Jackson, New South Wales, until 12 o'clock on MONDAY, 28th December. Specifications may be seen at Office of the Works Director, Commonwealth Offices, Sydney. Tenders to be indorsed as above, and addressed (if by post, prepaid) to the Works Director, Sydney.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders are to be in all cases on the printed forms, which can be obtained at the Works Director's Office.

WALTER D. BINGLE,
Acting Secretary for Home Affairs.

Commonwealth of Australia.
Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1908.

TENDERS will be received, subject to the Conditions of Tendering, for External Painting, Engineer Officers' Quarters at GEORGE'S HEIGHTS, Middle Head, Port Jackson, until twelve o'clock on MONDAY, 28th December, 1908.

Specifications may be seen at Office of The Works Director, Commonwealth Offices, Sydney. Tenders to be endorsed as above, and addressed (if by post, prepaid) to the Works Director, Sydney.

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WALTER D. BINGLE,
Acting Secretary for Home Affairs.

ONE THING more than another, the PHOTOS from the EDEN PHOTO STUDIOS are good, while the prices charged are marvellously low. Fancy 12 PARIS PANELS for 10s, or one doz. Enamelled Cabinets for 5s only.

Public Service Board,
50 Young-street, Sydney,
18th December, 1908.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the undermentioned Positions, and must be made on a Form for the purpose, obtainable from this Office, or from Clerks of Petty Sessions in Country Districts, and should reach the undersigned not later than the dates specified:—

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1908.

TEMPORARY NURSE at the Coast Hospital. Temporary Nurses on engagement are paid a salary of £10 per annum, in addition to board, lodging, and washing, and, after three months' satisfactory service, will be eligible for appointment as Probationary Nurses, at a salary of £20 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, and material for uniforms. Candidates should not be less than 20 years nor more than 30 years of age. A selection will be made of a certain number of suitable candidates from amongst those applying, and their names will be placed on a list for employment during the ensuing six months.

COOK, Carpenterian Reformatory, Brush Farm (General Division). Salary £65 per annum, with quarters, etc., valued at £25 per annum. Candidates must be not more than 40 years of age.

TUESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1908.

An EXAMINATION of candidates (male) for admission to the Professional Division of the Public Service of the State, as cadet, Department of Agriculture, will be held in Sydney, and at such country centres as may be necessary, on the 20th January, 1909, and following days. There are seven vacancies. Candidates other than persons permanently employed in the Public Service must not be less than 17 nor more than 22 years of age on the first day of examination. All, however, will be required to pay an examination fee of 10s, which must be lodged with a Clerk of Petty Sessions or the Treasury, and the receipt therefor forwarded to the Secretary to the Board with the form of application. They must be of good character, and in sound health. The subjects in which candidates will be examined are:—1. Mathematics (arithmetic and mensuration, algebra, geometry). 2. English Composition and Dictation. 3. French or German (translation of easy passages from). 4. Chemistry. 5. Any one of the following:—(a) Entomology; (b) Economic Geology (with special reference to New South Wales); (c) Commercial Geography; (d) Physics; (e) Botany; (f) Bacteriology. Successful candidates will be appointed on probation, at a commencing salary of £75 per annum, and, subject to satisfactory service and to the necessary provision of funds by Parliament, will be entitled to advance by annual increments of £25 to £150 per annum.

MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1909.

HOUSE MASTER at the Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm. (Educational Division.) Salary £100 per annum, ranging to £200 per annum under Regulation 149, with board and lodging for a single man only. Applicants must be qualified to take control of and instruct students. A knowledge of bookkeeping, botany, elementary chemistry, and general nature study is desirable. Suitable candidates already permanently employed in the Public Service will receive first consideration.

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1909.

SURVEYORS, temporarily required in the Public Works Department in connection with National Detail Survey. Rate of pay, £325 per annum. Applicants must be licensed surveyors, with knowledge and experience in this class of work. A full statement should be furnished on the application as to the character of surveys carried out, and specimens of field work must be supplied if called for.

By order of the Board.
(9a-74) R. A. GILFILLAN, Secretary.

HORSES, VEHICLES, & LIVE STOCK.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FRANK DRYSDALE HENDERSON, late of Parramatta, in the State of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH JEAN HENDERSON, of Parramatta aforesaid, Widow, and CHARLES ERNEST BYRNES, of Parramatta aforesaid, Solicitor, the Executrix and Executor named in the said Will. All persons having any claim against the Estate of the said deceased are required to render the same to the said applicants within the fourteen days aforesaid; and all notices may be served at the office of CHARLES ERNEST BYRNES, Proctor for the Applicant, George-street, Parramatta.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES FLEMING, late of Argyle-street, Parramatta, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Railway Employee, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARTIN FLEMING, of Parramatta aforesaid, Gentleman, and JOHN FLEMING, of Parramatta aforesaid, Railway Clerk, the Executors named in the said Will. All persons having any claim against the Estate of the said deceased are required to render the same to the said applicants within the fourteen days aforesaid, and all notices may be served at the office of CHARLES ERNEST BYRNES, Proctor for the Applicants, George-street, Parramatta.

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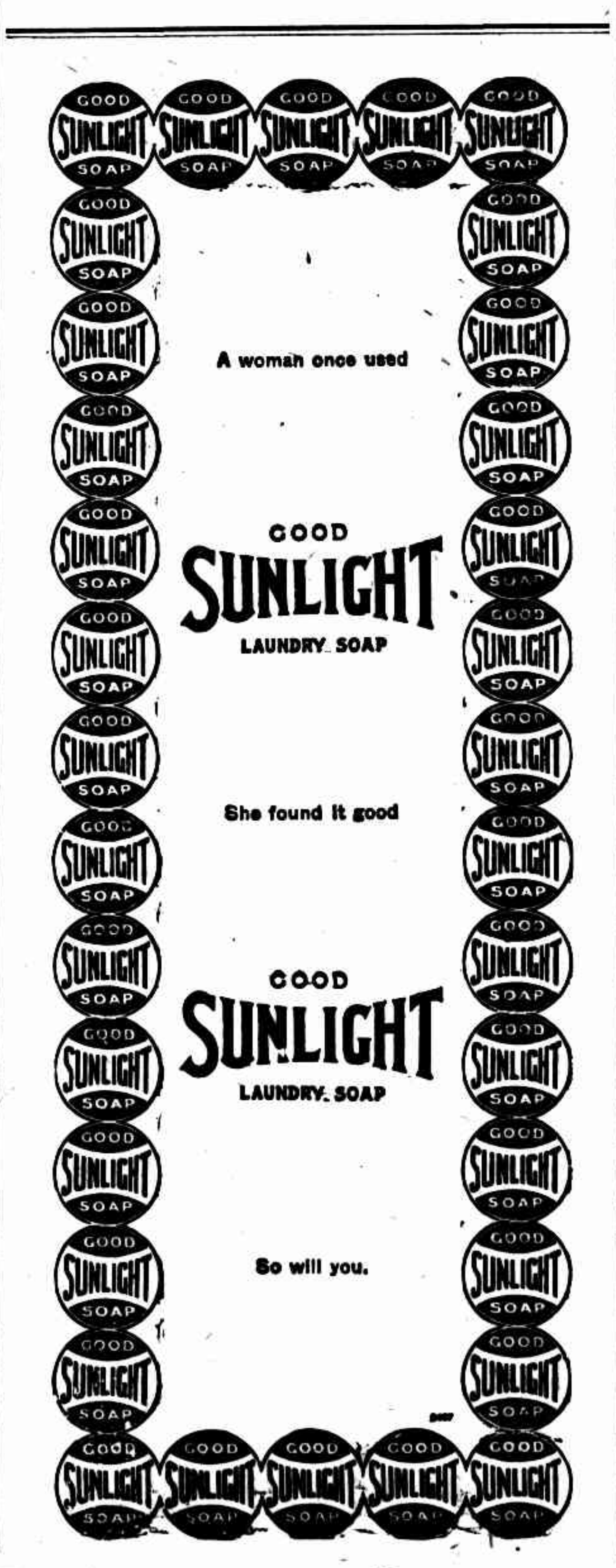

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

The debate which took place a few evenings ago in the Legislative Assembly on the Estimates for the Department of Agriculture cannot be said to have thrown much light on Ministerial intentions, nor to have been very informative. Possibly as a measure of strategy the Minister, when submitting his Estimates, said nothing, knowing from experience that any speech at the beginning would have the effect of lengthening debate. Members therefore began to talk without knowing anything about future intentions, save what might be gathered from the Estimates themselves, and to voice grievances some of which had their origin in years gone by, and none of which went to the root of administration in the State. It is, of course, well to be wise after the event, but it is well also to be informed beforehand when voting away large sums of money, and to find out exactly what is to be done with it. The Minister allowed a desultory statement of grievances to go on for some time, and then arose and made his statement, confining himself strictly to the defensive, and saying nothing as to what his future course of action would be. He doubtless wanted to curtail debate, or rather to prevent it from wandering over the whole field of administration. Therefore, on matters on which he was not asked to speak he was silent, and the debate went on as a recital of grievances, and not a word about matters of policy. If it showed anything it showed that Parliament, as a whole, knows very little about agriculture.

But an examination of the Estimates shows that something of a forward movement is in contemplation. The cost of the department is substantially raised. For the year ending on June 30 next the cost for salaries is placed as £26,592, as against £16,252 last year, and the whole cost at nearly £64,000, as against £52,000 last year, for the department proper, without counting any of the branches. The number of officers in the main branch, including, of course, the staffs of the Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms, is 123, whereas last year it was 67, and there is a sub-head of Scientific and Educational staff, which did not exist last year, although the germ of such a branch was in existence then. There is one officer, who will receive a salary of £400—a superintendent of scientific and educational investigation, and although it would be better if we knew what the Minister proposes shall be the functions of that officer, an idea can be formed. He will probably be something in the nature of a director of agriculture, with possibly the duty of travelling about the country and overseeing the operations of the experimental farms, directing what shall be done on the experimental plots, making recommendations to farmers as to how best they may treat different soils, and, in short, keep himself abreast of rural matters, so as to be able to make recommendations not only to his official superiors, but also to the general public. Such an officer, if he can be secured, will be exceedingly cheap at the salary proposed. Another officer mentioned is a sheep and wool investigator and instructor, whose functions will be very important. In these days of closer settlement, and in the near future when mixed farming will prevail in the inland districts, many men will take a small flock of sheep, not as a side line, but as one of the main sources of livelihood, and differing natural conditions will present to them problems which they will always be glad to have assistance upon and advice. The breeding of lambs for freezing purposes alone will require a good deal of knowledge, and many men who have sound experience in wool growing will find themselves a little out of their depth when they come to calculate the influence of heredity upon the carcase of a lamb or a sheep.

Another officer mentioned in the Estimates is an irrigation and drainage expert. This is distinctly a new departure in this State. Victoria has one, but he has not been long enough in harness in Australia to allow anything like the full fruits of his knowledge to be made manifest. But our State experiment at Yanco, and the private experiments that must be made when Barren Jack is finished, will give full scope for an officer of this kind. We know little in Australia, after all, about the duty of water. The suburban gardener who turns the hose on his small garden plot of a rood or so, wastes more water than he uses. He does not know how to apply it so that it will do most good, and what he does in a small way will be done by the irrigation farmers on a large scale, unless they are instructed how they may get the best effects per inch of water applied to the ground. The influence of the hoe after the hose, for instance, is very little understood amongst us. Altogether there are 32 officers catalogued as amongst the educational and scientific staff, not all of them, of course, are in leading positions, but every one in a position in which he can impart instruction to men who are engaged in agricultural, horticultural, and stock breeding work, and these men going up and down the country, visiting farmers upon their farms and orchardists in their orchards, will be able to give hints which will be of use, and will remove from the department the stigma of being one that the farmers respect, but do not seek, because it is too scientific for the average man.

A good deal can be done by the experimental farms already in existence, and Mr. Perry seems to have it in mind to extend their functions in a useful direction. They have already done an excellent work, but if there has been one drawback connected with them it has been that no balance-sheet has ever been issued showing what has been the cost of their successful experiments. They have never shown in figures what has been the cost of growing 25 bushels of wheat to the acre in a dry season, their system of bookkeeping has never been so complete that the managers could tell the farmers who make annual inspections of the farms whether the work, after allowing for labour, material, manures, and interest on the cost of the land, as judged by the average values of land in the district, shows a profit or not. Until that is done there will always be a certain amount of scepticism. Taking the Estimates as a whole, it appears that the Minister has not decided to take any sensational course—nothing in the nature of fireworks—but has made up his mind to proceed on safe lines, and to feel his way until he can be sure he is on a route which he can safely follow.

ITEMS.

The surveyor difficulty in this State is really an inheritance from the old system of survey after selection, says a correspondent. Under it the lands required to be surveyed were dealt with, and all outside them were left alone. Now there are remnants to be measured here and there, and the cost of surveying single blocks must naturally be greater than if a number of blocks were to be surveyed at once. It is suggested that after all a more economical course would be to survey an area throughout before selection, and so save annoyance to the surveyor, the Government, and the selector.

Mr. Denham, Queensland Minister for Lands, has practically determined to do away with the private land agent system. The main thing that made it allowable was the group system, under which an area of land was allotted to be selected by several farmers who wished to be near friends, and the private agent was set the duty of finding out who these persons were. Now, in the opinion of the Minister, the department can make arrangements with group selectors just as well as the private agent can do.

Smut is prevalent in some of the wheat-growing districts of South Australia, and more so on land that has been sown with the drill than on that which has been sown broadcast. An explanation has been suggested—that the smut balls in their passage through the drill are broken, and the spores become distributed over the grains which are falling through the drill at the time. Whether this be so or not the market value of some of the wheat is affected, and that considerably.

THE WOOL TRADE.

CLOSE OF FIRST HALF-YEAR.

On Thursday last the first half of the weekly selling season was brought to a close. From July 1 to date 413,738 bales have been catalogued, 369,071 bales sold at auction, and 423,939 realised by auction and private treaty. During the week ten firms submitted catalogues aggregating 42,540 bales, of which 38,485 were realised at auction. Private sales brought the total realisations for the week up to 42,699 bales. There were three large catalogues, the largest of which was a record quantity submitted by any single firm for the past 12 years. The offerings were attractive, and the demand strong from the various sections of buyers, but values have not ruled upon so high a plane during the past or previous week as during the latter part of November, when the rulings reached their culminating point for the first half of the selling season. Although there has been a general easing in values, the market has held remarkably well, especially so when considering the quantities submitted. Growers have pressed to realise, and the brokers have done their best to comply with the wishes of their constituents. Some growers would even like the sales to proceed on right uninterruptedly, but there is a reasonable medium in all things, and one of those favouring the growers as a whole is the recess that is now entered upon by the wool-selling brokers of Sydney, Melbourne, and Geelong. Sales closed on Thursday last in Sydney and Geelong, and the auctions will be resumed in Sydney on Monday, January 4 next, with about 261,000 bales in sight.

SATISFACTORY BUSINESS.

Ample as have been the offerings in the Sydney market for the season to date, they only exceed the quantities submitted for the corresponding period last year by 4927 bales. The realisations at auction, however, are much more satisfactory. Upwards of 413,738 bales have been catalogued, and 369,071 bales cleared under the hammer this season, as compared with 408,811 bales catalogued and 337,327 bales realised at auction during the currency of the first half of the 1907-08 selling season, giving an increase in the clearances at auction of 31,744 bales, with only an additional 4927 bales in the catalogues. That is for the first half of the year, and unless something unprecedented happens—more calamitous than last year—the realisations at auctions will be immensely increased. This is, indeed, the feature of the present season, and accounts for the quantities of wool in store in Sydney and to arrive for sale during the remainder of the current statistical year. The Australian markets are justly predominant in the disposal of the clip, and are fast becoming absolute. This season's offerings and realisations in the Sydney market promise to totally eclipse any previous business, and if the market can proceed steadily to the close of the present selling season on anything like the lines of the first half of the year growers, brokers, and even buyers should have cause for congratulation at Australian wool-selling development. In short, the prospects are for Australia to be absolute, and London obsolete at no very distant date. When this stage is reached there will be no waiting on London cables to influence Australian market values. It will centralise the trade right at the seat of production, and tend to render it more stable than in the past.

QUANTITIES IN SIGHT.

The importance of the Sydney market has been manifested this week. At the request of the Woolbuyers' Association, the various Sydney brokers have furnished the buyers with the quantities of wool in store, and to arrive for sale this season. The quantities aggregate 261,975 bales. This seemed a formidable quantity, and at first sight caused some consternation in the buying camp. It is evidence of the growers responding to the claims of the market, and it does not in itself afford evidence of a material increase in the 1908-09 clip. The quantity of wool in store at the close of December last was 180,000 bales, and the quantity in store this year a shade under 200,000 bales, the additional 61,000 bales being due to arrive later on. It is rather early at present to get exactly at the weight of the current clip as compared with last season; but the receipts of wool by rail and boat in Sydney and Victoria give reliable data as far as they go. Up to December 12 last, the Victorian arrivals by rail showed a decrease of 45,708 bales, and by boat 2933, aggregating 48,641 bales decrease. As a set-off against that decrease in Victoria, the Sydney receipts by rail and boat show an increase of 36,735 bales, resulting in a net decrease for the two States of 11,906 bales. The wools crossing borderwise into South Australia show practically no variation. To Queensland there is probably an increase.

SYDNEY'S GAIN, LONDON'S LOSS.

At first glance a stock of 200,000 bales to open the closing half of the selling year no doubt seems large. But even after adding to that quantity the probable receipts during the first two months of the New Year the stocks are still only about equal to the quantity occasionally submitted at a single series in London. It is a changing of the scene of operations. About 90,000 bales are likely to be offered in Victoria in January, and there is another sale in Brisbane, which confines business thereafter for the season to Sydney. With anything like an active market, the wool in store and to arrive should be disposed of by about March 15 next, as acting under the wishes of their constituents, Sydney brokers will offer the stocks on hand as early as possible in the New Year. There will be no undue rush, but taking advantage of the selling regulations under which the increase in the offering of large lots by one firm if another has a small number is permitted, maximum quantities promise to be forthcoming during the latter half of the weekly series. Whatever the Australian markets offer in excess of the previous season must come off at the 1909 London sales, for with no apparent increase in the clip there is no other explanation. The London sales next year will be fed by shipments from pastoralists who have nearly always supported the London fixtures, and will not be added by any growers who have been influenced towards that centre through adverse Australian selling conditions. When values are good, as they have been of late, there is every inducement to sell locally. It is this factor that is showing up the quantities in store, and making Sydney the greatest merino wool market in the world.

THE WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

The sales opened this week with two catalogues aggregating 10,692 bales, of which 9667 bales were realised at auction. There was a good selection, comprising a number of super lines and wools of average quality. The demand was strong for lines showing fine quality; medium grades, however, were irregular, and generally in buyers' favour; crossbreds were very firm, and scoureds in strong request. Several lines of greasy sold from 14d to 14½d, and scoured to 21d. On the second day two catalogues aggregated 12,283 bales, of which 11,022 bales were cleared at auction. The selection was an attractive one, including a fair showing of super lines and a large representation of good to medium wools, with odd lots of scoureds. There was a good demand at about previous rates, greasy selling to 13¾d and scoured to 21d. On Wednesday three catalogues were presented, aggregating 10,381 bales, of which 9764 were cleared at auction. There was a representative selection, including a number of super lines from New England and the south, with a good proportion of wools of average quality, many of which showed burr. The market was without change, and greasy sold to 14d. On the closing day three catalogues aggregated 9020 bales, of which 7938 were disposed of in the auction room. The selection included a few super wools in attractive order, a notable one being the first instalment of A. A. Dangar's DR/G/ New England, from Gostwyck (Uralla). It was a fine, bright wool, free, of excellent quality, and sold to 14½d. Competition was strong, and values closed at late rulings.

CURRENT SYDNEY QUOTATIONS.

Rates current for the principal descriptions of staple may be quoted as follow:—

Descript.	Super.	Good.	Medium.	Inferior.
GREASY MERINO.				
Fleece	12 to 15½	10 to 11½	8 to 9½	5½ to 7½
Pieces	10 to 12½	8½ to 9½	6½ to 8½	4 to 6
Bellies	7 to 8½	5½ to 6½	4½ to 5½	3½ to 4½
Locks	4 to 5½	3½ to 3½	2½ to 3	1 to 2
Lambs	9½ to 16	7½ to 9½	5½ to 7½	3½ to 5
GREASY CROSSBRED.				
Fine	10 to 15½	8 to 9½	6½ to 7½	5 to 6
Coarse	7½ to 8½	6½ to 7½	5½ to 6	4½ to 5½
SCOURED MERINO.				
Fleeces	19½ to 21½	17½ to 19	15½ to 17½	14 to 15
Pieces	17 to 19	15 to 16½	13 to 14½	11 to 12½
Bellies	14 to 15	12 to 13½	10 to 11½	8 to 9½
Locks	10 to 13	8½ to 9½	7 to 8½	5½ to 6½

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

Geelong closed up the Victorian first half of the current season on Thursday last to a full attendance of buyers. Comeback and crossbred wools seem to have been strongly in evidence, and the demand a strong one. This was in keeping with the demand at the Melbourne sales earlier in the week for the qualities suitable for American requirements; other grades, however, were lower. Views as to the rulings are somewhat diverse. The tone this week, however, was said to be rather better than during the previous week. Good wools showing fair length of staple and soundness showed less change in buyers' favour than the short, heavy, tender, or otherwise faulty descriptions. The sales for the season to date as compiled by Dalgety and Co., Ltd., are as follows:—

Markets.	1908. Bales.	1907. Bales.
Sydney	423,939	385,261
Melbourne	191,591	231,956
Geelong	72,820	83,852
Adelaide	121,794	119,053
Brisbane	84,362	50,511
Commonwealth	893,416	882,033

VALUES AND QUANTITIES OFFERED.

In the matter of the regulation of wool sales and the effect of heavy offerings on values the Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Ltd., who offered the first catalogue on the closing sale day this week, say that:—Compared with the top prices of the season, values at the close are ½d to 1d lower—a result without doubt largely produced by the excessive weight of the offerings in each daily catalogue. It speaks worlds for the confidence in the market that values show no greater depreciation, but the policy so persistently maintained of rushing the wool to auction must, if some modification is not arranged, prove sooner or later even a greater source of danger to the market than in the present instance. Few superior merinos were offered, but some of fairly high-class sold at satisfactory rates. Good average were steady, but many fine quality, although somewhat heavy and ticky, appeared hardly as firm.

SYDNEY BUSINESS TO DATE.

The quantities of wool offered and sold by the various brokers at auction and by private treaty for the season to date are as follow:—

Selling Brokers.	Catalogued.	At Auction.	Total Sales.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Australian Mort., L., and F. Co., Ltd.	25,068	21,849	24,047
John Bridge and Co., Ltd.	39,565	35,131	38,117
Co-operative W. and P. Co., Ltd.	29,068	26,282	27,486
Dalgety and Co., Limited	49,062	42,050	45,861
Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.	41,071	37,396	39,594
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.	38,792	35,011	51,283
Hill, Clark, and Co.	20,471	18,699	19,751
New Zealand Loan and M. A. Co., Ltd.	35,582	32,965	34,219
Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.	40,007	34,500	38,336
Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.	29,136	24,810	26,801
Schute, Bell, and Co.	16,242	15,076	15,318
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.	49,694	45,372	61,736
	413,738	369,071	423,939

BRADFORD TOPS.

According to our cable message of yesterday's date the Bradford top market was quiet, with a confident undertone. Merino counts were unchanged, but medium and coarse crossbreds showed ¼d decline on last week's rates. It will be seen by the following table that the highest point touched was at the end of November, and that during that month prices showed an advance of 1½d per lb. on 64's, 1d on super 60's and common 60's (merino), 2¼d on 46's (medium crossbred), and 2¼d on 40's (coarse crossbred). Good American demand manifested itself in November, and machinery was more fully employed in Germany, France, and Belgium. The English trade, however, was none too satisfactory. Still, manufacturers were experiencing rather better conditions. Makers of the finest worsted cloths were receiving good orders for early shipment to the United States during the middle of last month. French manufacturers of ladies' dress goods were similarly favoured. So these factors, with a strong American demand for raw wool, tended to take tops up to the high rates of the closing week of last month. How quotations compare from November 6 may be seen as follow:—

	Dec. 18, 1908.	Dec. 11, 1908.	Nov. 27, 1908.	Nov. 20, 1908.	Nov. 13, 1908.	Nov. 6, 1908.
Sixty-fours	24	24	24½	24	23½	23
Super 60's	23	23	23½	23	22½	22
Common 60's	22	22	22½	22	21½	21
Forty-sixes	12½	12½	13½	13	12½	11½
Forties	11½	11½	12½	11½	10½	10

WOOL RECEIPTS.

The quantities of wool received by rail and boat in Sydney, as per daily manifests, compared to last season are as follow:—

	Bales.
By rail—	
At Darling Harbour railway station from July 1, 1908, to December 18 last	570,614
Corresponding period last year	556,215
Increase	14,399
By sea—	
From July 1, 1908, to December 18 last	116,534
Corresponding period last year	94,198
Increase	22,336
Total increase	36,735

WOOL SHIPMENTS.

Six vessels have cleared the Sydney Customs since last week's review for the United Kingdom and foreign ports, with an aggregate of 31,919 bales. On December 1 the steamer Marathon cleared Newcastle with 1145 bales, and on the 10th instant the Indraghiri, from the same port, with 560 bales, aggregating 1705; which, with 14,355 bales in the previous five months, brings the Newcastle export total to date 16,060 bales. The vessels with approximate quantities from Sydney for the week and comparative totals to date are as follow:—

	Bales.
Pooma, Dec. 11, for London	4,240
Magdeburg, Dec. 12, for Hamburg	8,535
Clan Matheson, Dec. 12, for Dunkirk, London, Hull	10,147
Oruba, Dec. 12, for London	645
Geelong, Dec. 12, for London	4,004
Indraghiri, Dec. 16, for London	4,348
Total from Sydney since last review	31,919
Total from Sydney and Newcastle, from July 1, 1908, to date	430,246
Corresponding period last season	419,275
Increase	10,971

THE GOVERNMENT AND CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

Mr. W. J. Walton (Narrabri) writes:—Now that the Government seems intent on bringing forward proposals for the resumption of private estates, in localities in some instances that have neither rainfall nor land of a class to commend itself for practical mixed farming purposes, it might not be out of place to again refer to the 1,800,000 acres of land at present lying idle in the Pilliga scrub, and surrounded by towns like Coonamble, Coonabarabran, Walgett, Pilliga, Wee Waa, Narrabri, West Narrabri, and Boggabri. At present the Government is having cleared 250 acres on several blocks, which it is intended to throw open for settlement in areas up to 2000 acres when the land is cleared. Probably this work will be completed some time during 1909. The area of 250 acres on each block is costing the Government at the rate of £1 7s 6d per acre, and this amount will undoubtedly be added to the capital value of the land when it is thrown open. One of the foremost reasons why settlers of limited means cannot get on the land is that capital values, especially where the land has to be repurchased from the squatter, are too high. By the Government's action in clearing 250 acres on each of the blocks in Pilliga scrub, at the lowest estimate £342 15s will have to be added to the appraised capital value; and it is very questionable, judging by the clearing already done, and in the face of the manner in which the undergrowth springs up, whether the Government or selectors will get full benefit for the money they will have to pay for the work now being carried out. Events prove that these lands will be readily availed of as soon as they are offered on reasonable terms. In the vicinity of Yarrie Lake, a splendid sheet of water in the neglected Pilliga scrub, in May last seven blocks were set aside as conditional purchase lease areas, the smallest area being 957 acres and the largest 1250 acres. They are about 17 miles from Wee Waa. The capital values ranged from 4s 2d to 6s 8d per acre. In August following four more similar areas were submitted under the same tenure; the smallest area being 1096 acres, and the largest 1505 acres. The highest rent on any of these areas only amounts to £10 8s 6d, while the 957 acres has an annual rent of £5 14s 2d. The whole of the blocks were applied for, and there were more applicants than blocks available. Every acre of their land is as heavily timbered as any of the land the Government is paying 27s 6d per acre to clear. One thing that should be safeguarded is the immense quantity of timber right throughout the vast area. That could be provided for by proper conditions being framed for the reservation of useful timber, except on any area required for agriculture. Although there are not any grown trees of the ironbark description within 15 miles of Narrabri from which sleepers or girders can be cut, nor any great amount of pine that can be supplied to local mills within the same distance, yet there is an immense amount of both classes of timber that will be of excellent value in 15 to 20 years.

Looking at the proposals regarding resumption that have been placed before the House, the Minister for Lands proposes to resume 11,966 acres on Brookong estate at £2 17s 6d per acre, and in his advocacy of the resumption declares the wheat yield of this particular place to be about eight bushels to the acre for the past 13 years. Then Junambil estate, or at least 37,780 acres of it, is advocated for closer settlement. According to the Minister for Lands the rainfall at this place is 18in, and the wheat yield 10.35 bushels to the acre. Mungery, another place spoken of for resumption, with 55,250 acres, is capitalised at £2 1s 3d. The prices at which any of these places will be submitted will not be too enticing. What prospect will the intending selector, with limited means, have of making a success of his selection on capital values as high as these? A high rent will be asked for land that, in some instances, will only carry one sheep to 2½ acres, after being improved, or only yield eight to as high as 13 bushels of wheat to the acre. Where is the necessity for this kind of thing while 1,800,000 acres of first-class Crown lands are at the disposal of the Government without the expenditure of any money? The Pilliga scrub land could be dealt with straight away, especially as it can be made attractive by the fact that it can be offered under any class of tenure, and at any low capital value as the Government think fit.

Members of Parliament are continually crying out that there is not any good Crown lands available for closer settlement purposes. This is contrary to fact. At the present time within or adjoining almost every large holding in New South Wales annual leases of Crown lands are granted to pastoralists and others that should be publicly announced for permanent settlement. Let the Minister for Lands, if he has a desire to see bona fide settlement, cancel all these leases, notify the general public that they are available for settlement under any tenure he deems to be the best, and he will find hundreds of settlers can be provided for out of these leases alone.

I have not been able to procure the averages of the crops grown by the few men who have grown wheat during the last few years in the Pilliga scrub, but can certainly say that in three instances where I have purchased wheat from these men, in 1905 and 1906, from 24 to 32 bushels per acre were obtained. Here the rainfall for the past 20 years has averaged 27in. If the Pilliga scrub lands are offered on similar terms to the blocks offered in May and August last, between 1500 and 2000 families can be provided with good land for mixed farming.

THE HARVEST.

CARCOAR.—A visitor from Canowindra reports that the crops there are very bad, with the exception of isolated patches. He estimates that the returns will be less than one bag to the acre. Coombing Park holds the record about here for hay crop, one paddock yielding three tons, and all cultivated over two tons. All crops about here turned out well.

GUNDAGAI.—James M'Inerney received a yield of 32 bushels of wheat per acre from his farm at Moveton Park.

WARIALDA.—The weather has been very hot. Harvesting is still going on, the average yield being fully 20 bushels to the acre.

WOLLONGONG.—The Albion Park district is very parched-looking, and farmers are crying out for rain. The corn crops, however, look splendid, and are in remarkable contrast to the pastures. Farmers cannot possibly hold out much longer without hand-feeding. In fact, a large number have already started, and truckloads of chaff and bran are already beginning to arrive for that purpose.

PASTURES BOARDS.

GUNDAGAI.—At a meeting of the Gundagai Pastures Board the residents living in the mountain country preferred a request for a bonus on wombats. One director said that the pest was the worst which the man on the land had to deal with. In bajo and batlow country the animals went in one portion of a wire netting fence and out another. It was impossible to deal with rabbits while they were about, as wire netting fences were broken down by them. A proposal to allow 2s 6d bonus was defeated on the casting vote of the chairman. Inspector Macpherson reported finding the holdings in the Cootamundra end of the district in a bad state from rabbits. The pest was taking poison well. He recommended the use of poisoned jam. One director said that it was useless to try poison with jam now. It ran away in hot weather, and was soon covered with ants. Assistant-inspector Riley reported that on the south side of the Murrumbidgee rabbits were on the increase at Gananybilly and Lobb's Hole. In places where given short grass rabbits were not taking the poison well. The board decided to oppose a number of proposals to curtail and revoke travelling stock reserves for cattle for settlement.

DAIRYING.

MUDGEE.—The annual meeting of the Mudgee Dairy Company was held on Friday afternoon. The ballot for directors resulted in the election of Messrs. James Smith, V. D. Cox, R. Jones, C. D. Meares, Thos. Mills. During the past year the company treated 340,722lb of cream, producing 159,738lb butter, and 217,275 gallons milk, producing 95,121lb butter. The total amount paid suppliers was £11,374. Since November 1, the company has been treating cream only. The average price paid cream suppliers was 11.26d per lb for butter. A dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. was declared.

WOLLONGONG.—At the Illawarra Central Creamery the supply has dropped to the extent of about 300 gallons per day, the milk received on days other than block days amounting to about 3700 gallons, whereas a few weks ago it was over 4000 gallons. The F. F. and I. Company have had no block days at this creamery this week, and it is expected that this state of affairs will rule until after the holidays. The supply of milk at the Wauchope factory has also fallen off considerably.

GROWING OF COW PEAS.

WELLINGTON.—An interesting experiment in connection with the growing of cow peas is being made at the Towri experimental plots. Four varieties—New Era, black, white, and clay-coloured—have been sown under varying conditions. Four rows, 2ft 4in apart, were sown in each drill, the first having no manure, the second being mixed with soil from the Bathurst Experimental Farm, the third being manured at the rate of 34lb of superphosphates per acre, and the fourth being sown with equal proportions of superphosphates and Bathurst soil. The use of the soil from the Bathurst Experimental Farm is based on an American idea. It was found that many farmers who tried to grow cow peas on their land for the first time met with such poor success that they abandoned the attempt, and this led to experiments, which resulted in the discovery of the fact that all that was necessary to obtain good crops of cow peas in new land was to sow them with a mixture of soil in which peas had been successfully grown. Splendid crops of the peas planted at Towri have been obtained on the Experimental Farm at Bathurst, and the soil in which they were grown has been sown with the seed in the drill in the same manner as superphosphates. The effect of this novel form of manuring is being watched with deep interest by the district farmers.

HORSE BREEDING.

WELLINGTON.—Amongst the correspondence dealt with by the committee of the Wellington P. A. and H. Society was a circular from the Alstonville Society, urging that to improve the breed of stallions in the State a tax should be imposed on stallions, and there should be veterinary inspection and registration, as in Victoria. The president said that these should be enforced, as the breed of horses in the State was deteriorating, and getting worse and worse every year. It was decided to write to Mr. Barton, M.L.A., and request him to support legislation on the lines indicated.

THE KNAUER ESTATE.

Messrs. Henry F. Halloran and Co., in conjunction with Messrs. King and Scott, Kempsey, report a most successful auction sale on the ground last Thursday of the Knauer Estate, Kempsey, the whole of the farm blocks being sold, with the exception of three at from £6 to £26 per acre. Total, £14,783; average per acre, about £12.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

ALBURY.—Week ended Dec. 16:—9 horses, Berrigan to Wodonga, S. R. M'Pherson; 6 cattle, Albury to Wodonga, Q. O'Keefe; 3900 sheep, North Yanco to Longwood, H. Hall; 700 cattle, Queensland to Bethanga, A. E. Bowman; 33 cattle, Germanton to Kergunyah, J. S. M'Culloch; 27 horses, Sydney to Wodonga, Graham Smith; 22 horses, Copabella to Wodonga, Bank of Australasia; 30 rams, North Yanco to Longwood, W. H. Hall; 10 horses, Bringagee to Wodonga Wyvern Station Co.; 22 horses, Wodonga to Tumut, P. J. Quirk; 3030 sheep, Tarrant to Albury, Hay Bros.; 403 sheep, Deniliquin to Culcairn, Balfour and Son; 1200 sheep, Wodonga to Hawksview, Whitehead and Co.; 49 rams, Albury to Tallangatta, W. Hall; 171 sheep, Albury to Tallangatta, J. Stevenson.

FROZEN MEAT TRADE.

THE MARKET IN SWITZERLAND.

The Premier has received a communication from the Agent-General stating that since the holding of the International Conference on Refrigeration in October, various inquiries have been made with the view of developing the trade in Australian frozen meat. One of the most promising fields appears to be Switzerland, and Mr. Coghlan has had representations from an important firm, asking him to endeavour to induce Australian firms to take up the question of introducing frozen meat into Switzerland. He found that a great hindrance to the trade results from the fact that the import duties in Switzerland on frozen meat are higher than those on meat not frozen, and on live cattle. Mr. Coghlan has sought the offices of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the matter of the making of representations through the proper channel in order to secure the removal of this differential duty against frozen meat. A very active campaign is already going on in Switzerland in favour of the importation of frozen meat, and the Government is being urged to reduce the existing duty. Mr. Coghlan is hopeful that the efforts in this direction will bear fruit.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS LEES, late of Bogan Gate, in the State of New South Wales, Homestead Selector, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the first accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery Square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before Thursday, the eleventh day of February next, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they see fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts are not objected to same will be passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the said Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this eighteenth day of December, A.D., 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. McINTOSH and CROWTHER, Proctors for Executors, Parkes. By their Agent: E. A. ROBERTS, Post Office-chambers, 114A Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM CHARLES WHITBY, late of St. Peters, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Master Butcher, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my office, on or before the eleventh day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts and Plan be not objected to the same will be passed according to law. Dated this eighteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. JONES and JONES, Proctors for the Administratrix, Royal-chambers, Hunter and Castlereagh streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the will of COLIN LEONARD DOYLE, late of Nyngan, in the State of New South Wales, Overseer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration with the will annexed of the estate of the above-named deceased may be granted to BURTON GOWER DOYLE (in the said will called Burton Doyle), the brother of the said deceased, and the sole legatee and devisee mentioned in the said will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned; AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that application will be made at the same time that the usual sureties to the bond for due administration of the estate of the said deceased may be dispensed with; AND all persons having any claims against the estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to send particulars thereof forthwith to the undersigned. ARTHUR BATSON SHAW, Proctor for Administrator, Singleton; by A. B. SHAW and McDONALD, 163 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the estate of MARY ANN KENNEDY, late of Branxton, in the State of New South Wales, widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased with power to sell the real estate of the said deceased may be granted to PATRICK O'DONOHUE, the brother of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned; AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that application will be made at the same time that the usual sureties to the bond for due administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may be dispensed with; and all persons having any claims against the estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to send particulars thereof forthwith to the undersigned. ARTHUR BATSON SHAW, Proctor for Administrator, Singleton; by A. B. SHAW and McDONALD, 163 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WALTER JAMES GRAY, late of Corowa, in the State of New South Wales, Accountant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MABEL GRAY, of Corowa, aforesaid, Widow, the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. W. H. EDMONDSON, Proctor for the Applicant, Corowa. By his Agents: McDONELL and MOFFITT, Mutual Life Assurance Buildings, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the will of JOHN WALKER PURVES, late of the Corso, Manly, in the State of New South Wales, baker and confectioner, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the first accounts in the above estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office, on or before the eleventh day of February, 1909, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this eighteenth day of December, in the year 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar; KERSHAW, MATTHEWS, and LANE, Proctors for Executors, King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ROBERT JOSEPH WHITEFORD, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Turf Commission Agent, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDITH CATHERINE BLANCHE WHITEFORD, of Sydney aforesaid, spinster, the eldest Daughter of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address; and all persons having claims against the Estate of the said deceased shall forward particulars thereof to the undersigned within such period aforesaid. S. KEARNEY, Solicitor for the Applicant, 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOSEPH CARL JONES, late of Dungog, in the State of New South Wales, Butcher, deceased, intestate.—Applications will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN ALEXANDER JONES, of Dungog aforesaid, Auctioneer, the father of the said deceased. And all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. And all persons having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are requested to forward particulars thereof to the undersigned, whose agents in Sydney are Messieurs McDONELL and MOFFITT, of George and Wynyard streets. Dated this eighteenth day of December, A.D. 1908. ELLIOTT and WALLER, Proctors for Applicant, Dungog.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ELIZABETH TRUNLEY, late of Lithgow, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE TRUNLEY, of Lithgow aforesaid, Blacksmith, the Husband of the said deceased. And take notice that application will be made to dispense with the usual bond and sureties. And all notices may be served at the Offices of the undersigned. WILLIAM JOHN CRAGG, Proctor for Applicant, George-street, Singleton. By his Agents, GOULD and SHAW, 121 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of PROSPER TUCKERMAN, late of Sackville Reach, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CYRIL JOSEPH TUCKERMAN and STEPHEN ADOLPHUS TUCKERMAN, both of Sackville Reach, in the said State, Farmers, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. WM. WALKER and SON, Proctors for the said Executors, Windsor.

SOCIAL.

Christmas is drawing very near, and during the past week the town has presented a crowded and animated appearance. The shops are gaily decorated, and the windows filled with the most fascinating novelties suitable for Christmas gifts. Children are to be seen in hundreds, and are revelling in the wonders of "toyland," their happy faces making one realise how much these small people look forward to, and enjoy, this season of the year. It is essentially the children's time, and they play such a large part in the lives of us all that no one begrudges them any pleasure possible. The little ones in all our charitable institutions are being remembered by their more fortunate fellow creatures, and the inmates at the Children's Hospital are to have a Christmas tree next Thursday afternoon. Those belonging to the ragged schools, the deaf and the dumb and the blind, and many others, have already had, or will have, similar treats, and the different organising secretaries have been hard at work for some weeks past preparing for this festive season in order that no one in need will be overlooked or forgotten. So we add our good wishes to them all for a happy and merry Christmas.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Dudley are the guests of his Excellency the Governor and Miss Rawson at the Vice-regal country residence, Hill View, Sutton Forest. Their Excellencies will return to Melbourne early next week. Lady Dudley, accompanied by Mrs. Hore Ruthven and Mr. Callan, paid an informal visit to Sydney on Tuesday last, returning to Moss Vale the same day. The Governor-General and Lady Dudley will spend January and February at "Marble Hill," Adelaide, and their Excellencies are expected in Sydney some time in March, where they will remain in residence two or three months.

His Excellency the Governor was in town during the week, and presided at several of the "breaking-up" gatherings of the boys' schools, where he is always a welcome and honoured visitor. On these speech days his Excellency always has a word of friendly advice for all, and words of consolation to those who were not successful prize winners. These, no doubt, all his young hearers will cherish, and will remember with loving kindness in the future the great interest Sir Harry Rawson took in their welfare during his residence as Governor in New South Wales.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" says:—The marriage of Miss Sybil Palliser recalls the romantic story of her mother's engagement, which was brought about in a curious way, through the painting of that picture by Millais known as "Charlie is My Darling." The original of this study of a charming girl, wearing an eighteenth century riding habit and a hat adorned with the white cocade, was Lady Palliser (then Miss Anna Perham), who gave her daughter away. Sir William Palliser chanced to visit the studio of Millais while "Charlie is My Darling" was in progress, and was so charmed with the picture that he begged the artist to make him known to the original. This Millais did, with the result that the two were mutually attracted towards one another, and a year or so later Miss Perham became the wife of Sir William Palliser. On the Palliser estate in Kensington, Perham-road still commemorates the maiden name of Sir William's bride.

Lady Suttor was "at home" to a large number of friends at Wiston, Darling Point, on Wednesday afternoon, when her daughter, Mrs. George Hughes, was afforded an opportunity of saying good-bye to those present before leaving to-day by the Mongolia for her new home in Colombo. As Miss Madge Suttor, Mrs. Hughes was well-known in Sydney society, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. Amongst the guests were Lady Barton and Miss Barton, Lady Lucas Tooth, Lady Stephen, Mrs. H. E. Cohen, Mrs. G. B. Simpson, Mrs. Napier, Mrs. and Miss Icely, Mrs. and Miss Maclean, Mrs. W. H. Suttor, Miss Suttor, Mrs and Miss Dowling, Mrs. and Miss Cox, Mrs. Willoughby Flower, Mrs. Cecil Stephen, Mrs. C. M. Terry, Mrs. C. White, Mrs. Montgomerie Severn, Mrs. Ewan Fraser, Mrs. T. H. Kelly, Miss Nora Dangar, Mrs. Worrall, Mrs. W. Macfarlane, Miss Brady, Miss Rutledge, Miss Consett Stephen, Miss Thea Stephen, and Mrs. Hubert Fairfax.

On Friday, December 11, the Rev. E. F. Waddy, B.A., one of the assistant masters at the King's School, was married in the King's School chapel to Miss Margaret Helen Renwick Christie, of Turramurra (and lately matron of the Croydon Cottage Hospital). The wedding was witnessed by a large number of friends, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. Stacy Waddy, M.A., headmaster of the King's School. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. C. J. Christie, of Biorah, Turramurra. Mr. C. L. Garnsey was best man, and Mr. F. M. McKeown groomsman. The bridesmaids were Miss Saidee Christie (sister of the bride), Miss Waddy (the bridegroom's sister), and two younger girls, the Misses Hilda Waddy and Flora Inglis. The two firstnamed wore semi-Empire dresses of white chiffon glace. Their prayer books and gold bracelets were presents from the bridegroom. The two younger ladies wore white embroidered dresses, and wreaths of daisies, with little gold-date brooches (gifts from the bridegroom). The bride wore a semi-Empire dress of white chiffon glace, trimmed with rose point lace. Her prayer book and a beautiful opal and pearl pendant were gifts from the bridegroom. The happy couple left, after the reception at the headmaster's residence, on their wedding trip to Adelaide. During the trip Mr. Waddy will take part (on behalf of the State) in the interstate cricket matches in Adelaide and Melbourne. Mrs. Waddy's travelling dress was a cream basket hopsac, made in Empire style, and a white "Merry Widow" hat, swathed in tulle and pink roses. Among the guests were Colonel and Mrs. Waddy (Morpeth), Mrs. P. S. Waddy, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Waddy, Dr. and Mrs. N. Pockley, the Misses Isabel, Elizabeth, Marion, and Alison Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Colville Christie, Mr. George Christie, Mr. Allan Christie, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Inglis, Mr. K. Inglis, and Mr. Clive Inglis. The presents included a walking stick from the Central Cumberland Electorate Cricket Club, silver entree dishes from the monitors of the King's School, a silver inkstand from the lads of the junior school, a silver rose bowl from the nurses of the Croydon Cottage Hospital, a silver sugar basin from others of the staff of the same hospital, silver trays from the doctors of the hospital, a case of cutlery and silver from the hospital committee, besides many others.

The annual reception of the graduating students of the Sydney Kindergarten Training College was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Thursday evening, 17th December. Owing to the severe thunderstorm the number of guests was fewer than in previous years, but it says a great deal for the popularity of the college that such a large audience assembled in spite of the elements. Mrs. C. C. Lance sang Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory," to which the students contributed a chorus. This inspiring opening song was followed later by Gounod's "To the Nightingale," and two lighter numbers by Mrs. Lance, and the students rendered some playful Kindergarten songs and three beautiful Christmas carols. Short addresses were given by Sir Philip Sydney Jones (who acted as chairman), Professor Wilson, who spoke a few earnest words to the students, and by Miss Jenkins and Miss Arnold, co-principals of the college. Mr. Peter Board, chairman of the college council, distributed the diplomas to the twenty-one students who this year successfully completed their course of training. Of these students, eleven received diplomas for the primary course and ten for the Kindergarten course. Amongst those present were Lady Harris and Miss Harris, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Davenport, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Morice (hon. secretary Adelaide Kindergarten Union), Mrs. and Miss Board, Miss Windeyer, Miss Duncan, Miss Desailly, Miss Dumolo, Miss Croal, Rev. W. Charlton, Mr. Featherstonhaugh, Dr. Newman, and Mr. Collins.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 16, a garden party was given at Duncraggan, Mosman, by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, in honour of the approaching marriage of their daughter Dorothy with Mr. Richard C. Wardill, of Melbourne. Amongst the invited guests were Dr. and Mrs Richard Arther, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Little, Miss Little, Mrs. and the Misses Spark, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parker, Mr. A. L. Gower, Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Littlejohn, Miss Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilshire, the Misses Wilshire, Miss Hattie Hopkins, Dr. and Mrs. Doak, Mr. and Miss Ducker, Sir Thomas and Lady Ewing, Mrs. D'Arcy Johnstone, Rev. R. B. S. and Mrs. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilshire, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley, Dr. and Mrs. Bligh, Mrs. and the Misses Josephson, Captain and Mrs. Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Irvine, Miss Ethel Stephen, the Mayor of Mosman and Mrs. Leahy, Mrs. and Miss Kemmis, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nicholls, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eyres, Mrs. Gilfillan, Dr. and Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Goldfinch, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Burdekin, Mr. and Mrs. Curlewis, Mr. John Shearston, Rev. Alan Pain, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlet, Miss Eirene Mort, Miss Weston, Mrs. Garling, Mrs. Everett, Rev. David and Mrs. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nicholls, Major and Mrs. Wardill, Mr. and Mrs. Tatham, Miss Phoebe White, Captain and Mrs. Coyle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cameron, Mrs. Charles Norman, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Barre Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. Sayers. The marriage was solemnised on the following morning at St. Clement's, Mosman, at 10 o'clock, by the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond, assisted by the Rev. C. T. L. Yarrington. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Hattie Hopkins as bridesmaid. Mr. A. L. Gower (Melbourne) was best man. After the ceremony a number of friends met at Duncraggan, and were entertained at morning tea by Mrs. Wilson.

On Thursday, December 17, the annual prize giving in connection with the Bowral branch of the Church of England Girls' Grammar School took place at Woodbine, Bowral. The chair was taken by the Rev. E. Hargrave, and Miss Badham, principal of the head school, distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. During the afternoon the pupils of Mr. G. E. Vincent played as a quartet "Marche de Tannhauser," and the junior members of the school sang a French action son "Il etait une Bergere." The head mistress, Miss Constance Smith, afterwards entertained the parents and friends at afternoon tea. Among those present were Mrs. Gavin George, Mrs. Raine, Mrs. H. Russell, Mrs. Macarthur King, Mrs. Augustus Hill, the Rev. W. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. David Fell, Mrs. Vallack, Mrs. H. E. Jones, Miss Quigley, Miss Ferguson, the Rev. H. and Mrs. Stoddart, Mrs. Cyril White, Mrs. Hargrave, Dr. and Mrs. Alsop, the Misses Best, Miss Row, Mr. G. E. Vincent, Mdlle. Bosker, and Miss Scott Reed.

The fierce sunshine and trying heat experienced during the week make veils a necessity for women, in spite of the large shady hats now so much worn. But the question arises what veils are the most suitable. Most women rush to white chiffon or ninon, which only increases the glare. Green is restful to the eyes, and so are many shades of blue and brown. Those who suffer from summer headaches frequently find two veils soothing to the nerves, and pale blue and purple or green and pale blue are said to be particularly good. Net veils in such weather as yesterday are ruinous, and do not protect the face at all.

A meeting of ladies convened by Miss F. M. P. Taylor (Mayoress of Rockdale) was held recently in the Rockdale Town Hall. The object of the meeting was to discuss means of raising the sum of £30 to annually maintain a cot in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, to be known as the "Rockdale, Bexley, and Arncliffe" cot. As a result of the meeting, a branch was formed, with Miss Taylor as president, Mrs. Aurousseau hon. secretary, and Miss Swyny hon. treasurer. Towards this object a garden fete was held on Saturday last, in the grounds of Mr. Esdaile, of Arncliffe, when over two hundred persons were present. It is expected that the required amount will be raised before the end of this year.

On Friday, December 14, Miss Eva Saunders, tutor of the Women's College, was the recipient of many handsome presents at a "kitchen" tea, given in her honour, by a number of her former pupils. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and all united in wishing Miss Saunders success in her new work as principal of Ailanthus College, Potts Point.

There was a large and fashionable gathering at the Tudor House cricket ground, Moss Vale last Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the annual school sports. On the ground a large marquee was erected, under which easy chairs were arranged, and here also the trophies which were to be competed for were on view. Seats were also placed round the ground under delightfully shady trees, affording all a view of the various events. The guests were received at the entrance to the ground by the Rev. William Fisher, principal of the school, and Mrs. Fisher. At the conclusion of the sports afternoon tea was served. His Excellency the Governor, who was attended by Mr. A. Grenville Miller, R.N., presented the prizes, including a special one given by his Excellency. Amongst those present were:—Mr. David Fell, M.L.A., and Mrs. Fell, Colonel G. R. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, Colonel J. E. D. Taunton and Mrs. Taunton and the Misses Taunton, Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Bennett, Dr. F. C. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Garraway and Miss Rutledge, Miss Row, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Throsby, Rev. J. Best and Mrs. Best and the Misses Best, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lysaght, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Hill, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rich, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Binney, Dr. Leighton-Jones, Mr. F. E. Row, Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Craig, Mrs. D. C. Osborne, Mr. H. O. Carter, Mr. E. W. Tickle, Mr. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Bayley, Messrs. B. P. Chase and T. E. Skuse (masters), Mrs. Selwyn Smith, Miss Quigley, Miss Ferguson, and Mr. C. A. S. Davidson.

The marriage of Miss Esme Florence Madeline, youngest daughter of Mr. James George O'Brien, of Ashburton, High-street, Carlton, with Mr. Percy Harold, youngest son of Mr. Chas. S. Cheetham, of Frederick-street, Rockdale, was solemnised at Christ Church, Bexley, on November 28. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Howell-Price, R.D., and the uncle of the bridegroom presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in white Shanghai silk, trimmed with sequin net, edged with silk ball fungi. A wreath of orange blossoms and a long tulle veil completed her toilette. Her shower bouquet and a diamond and emerald brooch, also a diamond and emerald ring, were gifts from the bridegroom. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edith O'Brien, who was dressed in Japanese silk, trimmed with Maltese lace and insertion, and a heliotrope sash. Her cream hat was trimmed with lilac and sweet peas. She carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations, and also wore an amethyst brooch, with bell attached, the gifts of the bridegroom. Miss Ethel Cheetham, niece of the bridegroom, and Master Raymond Hall, nephew of the bride, acted as trainbearers. Mr. Charles M'Intosh was best man, and Mr. Leslie O'Brien the groomsman. After the ceremony, the guests adjourned to Ashburton, where a marquee was erected on the lawn, wherein the wedding breakfast was served. Later the young couple left for the Blue Mountains, for their honeymoon, at Glen Leura, Katoomba, the country residence of the bridegroom's father. The bride's going-away dress was turquoise blue chiffon marquisette, and a hat to match.

The marriage of Mr. Percy Hull, second son of Mr. Edward James Hull, of Sydney, and Miss Ethel Beatrix Dent, second daughter of the late Edward and Mrs. Dent, of Newtown, was solemnised by the Rev. F. M. Dalrymple (Wentworth Falls) at St. Philip's Church, Church-hill, Sydney, on Monday, December 7. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore ivory white chiffon glace, made in semi-Empire style, and trimmed with silk applique and silver embroideries. The court train, suspended from the shoulders, was of white glace trimmed with lace butterflies, and her tulle veil was worn over a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and stock, and wore a gold necklet, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Mabel Dent (sister of the bride) and Miss Jessie Hull (sister of the bridegroom), who wore semi-empire frocks of pale pink voile and cream lace hats swathed in tulle and small white flowers. Their bouquets of pink carnations and gold bracelets were the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Alan Cook as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at Baumann's Cafe, where the bride and bridegroom received the congratulations of their friends. Later Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hull left for Tasmania, the bride wearing a travelling dress of pale pink voile and a tulle hat to match.

On December 9, at St. John's Church of England, Molong, Mr. Allan Manton, son of Mr. J. E. Manton, of Molong, was married to Miss May Elizabeth White. The Rev. Canon Alldis officiated. The bride was dressed in ivory silk, trimmed with spotted net, and a spray of orange blossoms, and also wore a wreath and veil. The bridesmaids were the Misses Ida Manton and M. Taber, and Mr. C. A. Bennett was best man. A reception was subsequently held at the residence of the bridegroom's father.

A wedding was celebrated on December 2, at the Hunter-Baillie Presbyterian Church, Annandale, the bridegroom being Mr. J. Riordan, of Balmain, and the bride Miss Daisy Tarleton, of Annandale. The church was prettily decorated with ivy and white lilies, by friends. The bride was dressed in white glace silk with court train and a wreath of orange blossoms and prettily worked veil. The bridesmaids were her cousins, the Misses Mabel and Adeline Tarleton, dressed respectively in blue and pink silk, with wreaths of snowdrops and heather. All carried shower bouquets, gifts from the bridegroom. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served at the Colonnade. The presents were both costly and numerous. The happy couple left for Brighton-le-Sands midst showers of confetti and hearty good wishes from their numerous friends.

On November 25, at All Saints' Church of England, Singleton, a marriage was celebrated between Ernest Gordon Tyer, of Hamilton, and Nellie Clarice Hinde, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hinde, of Trafalgar, Singleton. The Rev. Canon La Barte officiated. The bride, wore an Empire dress of cream ivory chiffon glace, also a wreath and veil. Her shower bouquet of white roses and asparagus fern, also a gold chain and heart pendant, set with rubies and pearls, were the gifts of the bridegroom. The Misses Arleen and Belle Hinde (sisters) acted as bridesmaids, and wore white Persian lawn dresses, trimmed with lace and insertion, and white net hats, with pink roses. Their shower bouquets of pink roses and asparagus fern, tied with pink streamers, also their gold brooches, were gifts from the bridegroom. Mr. H. Watt, Newcastle (cousin of the bride), acted as best man, and Mr. A. Mulqueen, of Hamilton, as groomsman. After the ceremony a reception was held at Trafalgar, where the wedding breakfast was served. Later the happy couple left for Point Clair, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's going-away dress was pale blue chiffon voile, and a cream net hat to match.

RATES ON FEDERAL PROPERTY.

ACTION IN PARKES.

PARKES, [illegible]

A little time ago the municipal council wrote the Commonwealth authorities in support of a movement asking them to waive the clause in the Constitution and pay rates on Commonwealth properties. In response the council have now received, through Mr. Thos. Brown, M.P., a copy of the negative reply on the same matter furnished Mr. Wilks in the House of Representatives. At the meeting of the council last night it was decided that unless meters were installed on all Commonwealth property in Parkes by December 31 the water would be cut off.

THE CHURCHES.

The Archbishop of Sydney has forwarded to the clergy of the diocese a circular enclosing the following resolution:—"That with the view of remembering the first divine service in Australia, which was held in 1788, "on the Sunday after the landing . . . under a great tree," at Sydney Cove, and for the purpose of emphasising priority and history of our Church here, it is desirable that in every parish yearly, on the Sunday after Anniversary Day, which would be the anniversary of the beginning of our Church in this continent, there should be some suitable notice or commemoration of so important and interesting an event."

Some of the churches are early in the field in commemorating the Christmas festival. To-morrow reference will be made in several places to the significance of the season. At St. Andrew's Cathedral in the afternoon, part of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," recently given by the choir, will be repeated. The general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. will deliver an appropriate address to-morrow afternoon. In all churches special services will be held on Friday next.

The Very Rev. Dean M'Cullagh, Dean of Bendigo (Vic.), has tendered his resignation to the authorities after 20 years' incumbency at All Saints'. He is likely to be succeeded by the Rev. Canon Bishop, Rural Dean of Kyneton, Victoria. Canon Bishop has taken a prominent part in the work of the diocese since its inception.

A handsome memorial tablet was unveiled in St. Philip's School Hall, Auburn, on Sunday last, by Archdeacon Gunther, placed there to the memory of Mr. Charles Burt. Mr. Burt occupied a very unique position, having held the office of Sunday-school superintendent for over 20 years, of churchwarden, choirmaster, representative to the synod, church treasurer, and other offices. Archdeacon Gunther conducted the service, assisted by the rector, the Rev. F. C. Williams, and preached, his subject being "The Dark Side and the Bright Side of a Religious Life." The building was crowded, and the offertory amounted to nearly £10.

A preliminary meeting of the parishioners of St. Benedict's was held in St. Benedict's School on Tuesday evening last to discuss the nature of a reception to be given to Coadjutor-Archbishop Kelly on his return from Europe and America. All the priests of the parish were present, besides a large number of parishioners, including several ladies. The opinion of the meeting was that an address and a purse of sovereigns should be presented to him. The Rev. Father Furlong and Mr. John Woods were appointed hon. treasurers; Messrs. Colburne, D. Guiben, and O'Sullivan, hon. secretaries. The Archbishop is expected to reach Sydney about January 2.

The clerk of N.S.W. Presbyterian Assembly (Rev. John Burgess) has already received four nominations for the Moderatorship of the next assembly:—Rev. G. Keith, of Condobolin, nominated by Sydney Presbytery; Rev. J. D. Murray, of Moruya, by Monaro presbytery; Rev. J. H. Terras, of Upper Manning, by Illawarra presbytery; and Rev. R. Kay, of Germanton, by Hawkesbury presbytery. Nominations close on February 4.

On Wednesday, 9th inst, the ministerial jubilee of the Rev. James Adam, M.A., was celebrated at Blayney. Arrangements are being made at Albury for celebrating the ministerial jubilee of Rev. Jas. Henry. A special service was held on Wednesday night, and a social on Thursday. On Sunday the Rev. David Smith, M.A., will conduct special services.

Rev. D. L. Paterson, of Malo, New Hebrides, and Mrs. Paterson left Sydney on Saturday en route to England.

Dr. Clouston opened a new church at Rylstone on Sunday. Plans of new church buildings at Muswellbrook, Ourimbah, Woy Woy, and Wyong have been approved by the Hunter Presbytery.

The Rev. J. Flanagan, who recently visited Australia, has been giving to the English press his views on Australian affairs. "The Australian Churches are, to my mind," he said, "in a state of flux. They are quickly feeling their way to an even wider unity and a more effective service. In the pulpits both of Australia and New Zealand there is, I think, a great lack of what I may term efficient personality. I know no countries where there is a wider scope for the application of the Gospel to the needs of the hour. But in both lands one misses the note of passion in the pulpit and enthusiasm in the pew to which we are accustomed at home."

A sale of work in aid of the manse building fund of the newly formed Congregational Church, at Alexandria, was opened by Mrs. N. J. Cocks on Wednesday. The church, which is entirely free of debt, was erected five years ago by the voluntary labour of the members, and they intend starting on the building of the manse as early as possible in the New Year.

The Evangelical Council met at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Monday. Rev. P. J. Stephen, president, in the chair. Correspondence was read from the Sydney Labour Council in reference to the questions of Sunday observance and the proposal for a universal Saturday half-holiday; from the Inspector-General of Police in reference to relief from duty on Sundays for policemen; from the Premier as to arrangements made for trams passing church buildings on Sundays, during the hours of service; and from the Rev. R. Dey, and from the Rev. H. Halmarick in reference to the universal week of prayer. It was decided to take over the responsibility of arranging for the universal week of prayer, as suggested by the Evangelical Alliance, and that so far as practicable the suggested programme be carried out; but that it also be arranged that a week of prayer be held shortly before the commencement of the projected Dr. Wilbur Chapman-Alexander Mission.

The Treasurer was requested to issue an appeal for donations towards the travelling expenses of the evangelists. £50 being required as the contribution of the council towards that object.

The Revs. W. G. Taylor, Angus King, Mr. J. J. Virgo, together with the president, hon. treasurer, and hon. secretaries, were appointed a sub-committee to prepare a plan of campaign for the proposed mission. The question of Sunday funerals was brought under notice by the Newcastle Ministers' Association, and the secretary instructed to reply, stating that the council was strongly opposed to the conducting of funerals on Sundays.

The junior branch of the local Y.M.C.A. will hold its first camp during the approaching Christmas holidays. A spot on the South Coast has been selected. A camp service will be held on the Sunday evening.

At the Presbyterian Ladies' College prize presentation, the Right Rev. the Moderator (Rev. J. Macaulay, M.A.), referred to the loss which the College and the Theological Hall had sustained by the decease of the Revs. Dr. Kinross and Dr. MacInnes. He expressed the hope that in the rearrangement of the Theological Hall the Church would endeavour to get a good man from Scotland for one of the Chairs, such, for example, as Dr. David Smith.

The Sydney Young Women's Christian Association has this week been showing its appreciation of Miss Stillwell's faithful work amongst them by farewell gatherings and presentation.

It was announced to the Sydney Y.W.C.A. that Lady Fairfax, vice-president of the Sydney Young Women's Christian Association, expected to leave Sydney for England this week. The general committee wished her a safe and pleasant trip, and looked forward to her return to continue her valuable help on the committee.

The eleventh annual summer conference of the Christian unions of the Australian Universities will be held at Kiama, New South Wales, from Sunday, January 3, to Friday, January 8, 1909. Prior to it will be the ninth business convention of the union, which takes place every second year, and this will commence on Friday afternoon (New Year's Day), at 2 o'clock, and will conclude the next evening. The programme for the conference consists of an address and discussion each morning, with social entertainment in the afternoon, and combined addresses and discussion at night. The men and women will separate in the morning, but in the evening discussions will be joint. The speakers include G. W. Fuller, M.P., Rev. J. Kinghorn, Rev. G. M. Long, Rev. D. M. Lyall, Dr. E. A. Merrington, Dr. F. S. Hore; and some of the lady speakers are Miss E. Anderson, Ph. B., Miss J. Begg, B.A., of Dunedin, Miss N. T. Brentnall, B.A., Miss M. Holmes, B.A. A large number of interstate visitors are expected.

Colonel Hoskin, of Melbourne, who holds the position of chief secretary in connection with Salvation Army work, is visiting Sydney for the New Year services, and will accompany the forces to Pearl Bay on New Year's Day, when about 2000 are expected to assemble. Several staff changes will be notified after Christmas.

Page by page (says a London journal), the history of the Church of England, from the times of Augustine to his ninety-seventh successor, the present Archbishop of Canterbury, will be unfolded on the lawn of old Fulham Palace next summer, in the great Church pageant. "We are not going to present mere tableaux" (remarked a member of the committee), "but living real scenes of the most interesting events in the history of the English Church. Some three thousand performers will enact the various scenes, and already there have been many applications from those anxious to take part in the pageant." The official list of the twenty episodes to be comprised in the pageant is as follows:—The Church as it existed in Britain before the coming of St. Augustine. St. Augustine's arrival on British shores, A.D. 597. Early Saxon scene. St. Dunstan and the monks at Glastonbury, 970. Anointing of William the Conqueror and repudiation of papal claims. St. Thomas a'Becket's return and martyrdom. Signing of Magna Charta, 1215. Foundation of Sarum, 1228. Funeral of Henry III., 1273. Miracle Play and pilgrimage scene, 1350. Trial of Wycliff. Founding of a college. Suppression of monasteries and the Pilgrimage of Grace. Coronation procession of Edward VI. Consecration of Archbishop Parker. Translators presenting Bible to James I., 1611. Execution of Achbishop Laud. Trial of the Seven Bishops. Scene from the life of John Wesley. "Throughout all the world." The historical side of the pageant will probably be produced for the first time on June 10.

JUVENILE STRIKE.

AT A BISCUIT FACTORY.

About 40 boys employed at Hardman's Biscuit Factory, in Enmore, refused to start work yesterday morning, as they contended that they have not been paid time and a half for overtime, which they were entitled to.

Dr. R. Hardman, managing director of the factory, spoke to the boys, who were gathered in the street outside the factory, and promised to endeavour to redress their grievance if they would return to work. The boys accepted the offer, and returned to work.

SENIOR CADETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—At our speech day last Wednesday I spoke of the enthusiastic way in which the senior cadet movement had been taken up by our boys, and expressed the opinion that it does not receive from the Commonwealth military authorities the encouragement which its importance demands.

In order that the movement should be placed on a sound basis I stated that in my opinion all expenditure incurred should be defrayed by the military authorities; that encouragement to join senior cadet companies should be given by providing without delay miniature rifle ranges; that permission should be given to a school to raise as many companies as it wished; that cadets should be provided promptly with suitable rifles and accoutrements; and finally that cadets upon leaving school should, in the event of their finding it inconvenient to join a volunteer company, be permitted to remain attached to their old company for a period of 18 months or two years, to enable them to become more proficient in rifle shooting.

With your permission I should like briefly to touch on the points I have raised. If we are to have a large number of citizens who have undergone military training and have become fairly expert in the use of the rifle, surely the best way to effect this desirable object is to enlist their sympathies whilst young—for shooting has a wonderful fascination for young Australians, who are also proud of wearing a smart uniform. Under present regulations a boy who wishes to become a senior cadet must be prepared to pay 19s towards the cost of his uniform, and must have sufficient money at command to pay for his ammunition and his share of the marker's charges whenever he goes to rifle practice. These and similar expenses should be borne by the military authorities, so that no one may be debarred from joining, and that frequent rifle practice may be indulged in.

At this school we have been waiting for months, expecting to be provided with a miniature rifle range, but it is still one of the things talked of. Such a range would prove an incentive to those not yet enrolled to join the senior cadets, but a difficulty would at once arise, for I have been informed that we should not be allowed to form a second company.

Again, as soon as a boy has joined he should receive a complete outfit, which would stimulate his military ardour; but if he has to wait for weeks or months, as has been the case with our cadets, it is only to be expected that his enthusiasm will wane.

It should certainly be the aim of the military authorities to encourage boys, after leaving school, to continue their rifle practice. Why, then, are they not permitted to keep in touch with their old company?

Instead of having one company at the school we should have at least two or three, and if proper steps are taken to foster drill and rifle shooting among the young the question of the desirability or otherwise of compulsory military training will soon be solved satisfactorily.

I am, etc.,
J. WATERHOUSE.

Sydney High School, Dec. 17.

KYLOE COPPER MINE.

MINE OPENING UP WELL.

Those wiseacres who asserted a few weeks ago that the quality of the ore in the Kyloe Copper Mine was falling off, together with their friends who smiled pityingly when the late superintending engineer, Mr. C. Taylor, when he reported some months ago that the mine would soon be producing 15 tons of blister copper per week, are requested to peruse the report of the general manager for the week ended the 12th inst. It is not calculated to enhance their reputations as successful prophets.

Instead of the ore body decreasing in value, it is increasing, whilst the size of the lode is also improving. That it is going down a strong body is shown by the fact that the drives started north and south on the lode at the bottom (300ft) level show that the formation is strong, regular, and well defined. In the north drive it is 5ft wide, and 10 tons raised assayed 20.2 per cent., whilst the south drive shows she is the same width, with 8 tons, assaying 15.7 per cent. Contrast this 5ft of ore, with the 18in to 24in of ore going south, in the level above (200ft), and only carrying traces of copper. Then again the No. 3 south winze is down 60ft, and shows a 6ft lode, from one-half of which 19 tons raised last week assayed 24.3 per cent. The other half is good milling ore, and 12 tons assayed 8.1 per cent. Taken right across, the 6ft of ore is worth 16.2 per cent. The stopes over the 200ft level are also looking well, as 29 tons assayed 19.2 per cent. of copper. The smelter is a good test of the ore as a whole, for in this instance the first and second grade ore is judiciously mixed. There is no throwing the seconds aside and only treating the richest ores. During the week under review, 67½ tons of ore were treated, and produced 15 tons of copper, the average copper contents of a ton of ore being the excellent one of a little over 22 per cent.

The manager of the smelting operations is to be credited with excellent work, in putting through 67½ tons of ore a week with a small furnace, assisted by a M'Murtry pot.

PARLIAMENT AND THE FISHERIES.

BOARD COURTS INQUIRY.

At the next meeting of the Fisheries Board on December 23 Mr. W. C. Shipway has given notice of his intention to move the following resolutions:—1. "In view of the statements made in the Legislative Assembly by members thereof while discussing the recent estimates of the Department of Fisheries, this board is of opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the board, the department, and the general public, that a full inquiry should be at once made into the allegations and charges of maladministration contained in such statements, and this board courts an open investigation into all actions of the board and the individual members thereof since the inception of the board." 2. "That the above resolution be conveyed to the Chief Secretary, respectfully urging him to take immediate action to give effect thereto."

A sumptuously decorated socialist cafe has been opened in Manchester. Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. is to be paid on the shares, and all profit above that amount will be devoted to propaganda work. Mr. Victor Grayson formed one of the company.

BIRTHS.

BEATTIE.—December 11, at Ellimatta, High-street, Rozelle, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Beattie, Palermo, Blackwall—a son.

BENN.—November 30, at Aberdeen, the wife of W. W. Benn—a son.

BOARDMAN.—December 18, 1908, at St. Peter's Rectory Richmond, the wife of the Rev. John Boardman—a son.

BOOKER.—December 8, at her residence, Arcadia, Elswick street, Leichhardt, the wife of George W. Booker—a son.

BROWN.—December 1, 1908, at Effingham-street, Mosman, the wife of T. A. Brown—a son.

CLARK.—December 1, 1908, at Woodlands, Double Bay, the wife of S. P. Clark—a daughter (stillborn).

CRACE.—Dec. 12, at Frene, Fairfax-road, Bellevue Hill, the wife of E. G. Crace, Esq., Gininderra Cottage, of a daughter.

DAVIS.—December 13, at Casaandra, Newington-road, Stanmore to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davis—a daughter.

EASTMUIR.—December 6, at Nurse Frost's Private Hospital, Coff's Harbour, the wife of W. A. Eastmuir—a son (Lawrence Loselle).

GILMOUR.—December 13, at Nurse Hincy's Private Hospital, Glebe Point, the wife of W. R. Gilmour of a son (prematurely).

HOLE.—December 6, at Mingary, Chiltern-road, Willoughby, North Sydney, the wife of J. L. Hole, Albemarle, Menindie—a son (premature, stillborn).

JILLETT.—December 8, at Leiston, Knox-street, Double Bay, the wife of E. F. Jillett, Cassilis, Richmond (N.Q.)—a son.

LANDAHL (nee Bowers).—December 14, at Inverness, Old South Head-road, Rose Bay, the wife of Otto Landahl—a daughter.

MAY.—December 9, at Dalveen, Lang-street, Mosman, the wife of Frank E. May—a daughter.

NICHOLAS.—December 18, at Lower Forth-street, Woollahra, the wife of C. Nicholas, of a son.

QUILLER.—December 5, at her parents' residence, 158 Crown-street, the wife of E. T. Quiller, of a son. Both doing well.

RICHMOND.—At Hazeldean, Hereford-street, Forest Lodge, the wife of J. C. Richmond—a son (premature).

ROBISON.—December 15, at her residence, Rocky Point road, Kogarah, the wife of J. H. Robison—a daughter.

SMITH.—December 16, 1908, wife of F. G. Smith, of a son. Both doing well.

STEWART.—December 16, 1908, at Nurse Betright's private hospital, Regent-street, Paddington, the wife of A. Stewart, of a son.

WATSON.—December 11, Badenville, 169 Trafalgar-street, Annandale, the wife of T. B. Watson—a daughter.

WIENER.—December 17, at Nanu-Oya, Neutral Bay, the wife of Joseph Wiener—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ANDREWS—SMITH.—December 5, at St. John's, Paddington, by Rev. Geo. Chalmers, Arthur Spalding, second son of John Andrews, of Annandale, to Annie Paterson, eldest daughter of George Smith, J.P., of Helensburgh (late of Dumbarton, Scotland).

BROWN—GALLAGHER.—November 4, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, by the Rev. Father Rohan, Richard, youngest son of Mr. W. Brown, Underwood-street, Paddington, to Susan Frances (Florence), third eldest daughter Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Cochrane's Hotel, Wharf-street, Sydney.

CAYSER-MELVILLE—NETTERFIELD.—September 9, at Geneva, Switzerland, George Cayser-Melville, son of the late Colonel Arthur Melville, to Ethel Mildred, eldest daughter of N. Netterfield, Rose Bay.

CHEETHAM—O'BRIEN.—November 28, 1908, at Christ Church, Bexley, by the Rev. Howell-Price, B.D., Percy Harold, youngest son of Charles Samuel Cheetham, Esq., of Frederick-street, Rockdale, to Emma Florence Madeline, youngest daughter of James George O'Brien, Esq., of Ashburton, High-street, Carlton.

CLIVE—MAHER.—November 25, 1908, at Collaroy, Merriwa, by the Rev. Father Ward, Richard Alfred Clive, third son of General Clive, of Perrystone Court, Herefordshire, to Margaret Elenore, third daughter of M. E. Maher, of Collaroy.

DYMOCK—HUGHES.—December 2, at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, by Rev. R. C. Beck, Henry John, only son of John Dymock, of Leichhardt, to Letitia May, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Russell Hughes, of Young, N.S.W.

SEYMOUR—BISHOP.—November 5, at the Parish Church, Kilka, Umballa, India, C. R. F. Seymour, Esq., B.A., T.C.D., Lieut. 15th Rajputs (late Lieut. 2nd Hampshire Regiment), eldest son of C. B. E. Seymour, Esq., B.A., T.C.D., and J.P. (late 1st Leinster Regiment and 3rd Batt. Connaught Rangers) of Killagally Park, Belmont, King's Co., and nephew of E. B. Seymour, of St. Maur, Broughton-street, Milson's Point, to Zoe Irene Leslie, eldest daughter of Colonel Leslie Bishop (late commanding 22nd Cavalry), Indian Army. (By cable.)

TANNER—FOLLETT.—October 31, at Church of Christ Chapel, Illawarra-road, Marrickville, by Mr. J. Colbourne, Percy Alfred, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tanner, of Campsie, to Clara Delphine, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Follett, Benwick-street, Marrickville.

WARE—IRELAND.—November 18, at All Souls' Church, Leichhardt, by Rev. E. Claydon, Richard Henry, second son of Richard Roger Ware, of Queensland, to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Richard Ireland, of Queensland, and niece of the late Richard Sidey, of Enmore.

DEATHS.

BATES.—December 17, Rupert Maurice Lancelot, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bates, of Newtown, aged 10 years. Drowned at Riverstone.

BROWN.—Dec. 18, 1908, at her parents' residence, Croyna, Beecroft, Eulalie Houston (Lalee) Brown, aged 17 years. Funeral will leave Croyna this (Saturday) morning, at 10.15, for C. of E., Carlingford.

COLLISON.—December 13, at her residence, Mark-street, Hunter's Hill, Lillie Mabel, dearly beloved wife and child (stillborn) of Malcolm Collison, aged 18 years and 9 months.

CRIMP.—December 18, Hilda Thomas, only child of Robert Henry and Susie Crimp, 5/8 Dowling-street, Moore Park (late of Randwick), aged 4 years (suddenly).

DAVIDSON.—December 16, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, John, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Davidson, aged 65 years.

DUNCALF.—November 14, 1908, at Johannesburg, South Africa, William Duncalf, youngest son of the late Philip Allen, of Sydney, aged 47 years. Inserted by his loving sister, M. Nash, Balmain East.

GILLAM.—December 16, at the Sydney Hospital, George Louie Gillam, aged 52 years.

HIGGIN.—December 17, 1908, at her residence, Darling-street, Rozelle, Bridget Ellen, relict of the late Edward Higgin, aged 71 years. R.I.P.

JILLETT.—December 14, at Leiston, Knox-street, Double Bay, Thomas Edward, infant son of F. and E. Jillett, Cassilis (Richmond, North Queensland).

MARSHALL.—December 18, 1908, at his residence, 58 Crown-road, Pyrmont, John, the dearly loved husband of Elizabeth Marshall, aged 70 years.

SMYTH.—December 13, at High-street, North Preston, Victoria, Myles John, the beloved husband of Mary Smyth (late of Wyalong-street, Burwood).

SPILSTEAD.—December 6, 1908, at his residence, 47 Albert-street, St. Peters, suddenly, William Spilstead, aged 62 years.

STEVENSON.—December 4, 1908, Percy Richmond, and on December 15, 1908, Henry Francis Richmond, aged 4 months, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. Stevenson, Paget-street, Richmond.

WATT.—December 16, at his daughter's residence, 25 Gerard-street, Alexandria, William Watt, late Master Tailor of the 99th Regiment; born Haddingtonshire, Scotland, aged 95. At rest.

WELLER.—December 18, 1908, at his residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, Henry, beloved husband of Elizabeth Weller, aged 64 years. R.I.P.

WHITELEY.—December 10, at Sydney, Thomas W. Whiteley. Interred at Rookwood.

WYND.—December 18, at his residence, Dundee, Brandling-street, Alexandria, Peter Wynd, aged 41 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BENNETT.—In sad and loving memory of our dear daughter, Louie, who died December 19, 1904. Leaves may fade, but memory never. So sadly missed. Inserted by her loving parents, W. and A. Bennett.

BOSSI.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, George Warburton Bossi, who departed this life December 19, 1905, at Gibbes-street, Rockdale. Dead, but never will be forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

BOWLEY.—An affectionate tribute to the memory of our dear aunt, who died (suddenly) December 19, 1907, aged 66 years. Never forgotten by her loving nieces, Ivy and Ruby Morton.

BROMLEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, William Bromley, who departed this life December 19, 1887.

Thou art not forgotten, dearest father,
Nor will thou ever be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

EYLES.—In memory of John Foster William Eyles, who died on December 18, 1907.

FORSTER.—In fond memory of our dear mother, Sarah Emily Forster, who departed this life December 20, 1907. Inserted by her loving children, Emily, Milton, and Willie Forster.

FREITAS.—In sad but loving memory of our dearly-beloved grandmother, Elizabeth Martha Freitas, who departed this life at Guildford on October 4, 1902; also our dearly-beloved grandfather, Francis Freitas, who departed this life at Guildford on December 19, 1902. May their souls rest in peace. Inserted by their loving grandchildren, Leonce and Delia.

KRAMER.—In ever-loving memory of Albert Edward, the dearly loved son of Phillip and Sarah Kramer, who died on the 20th December, 1907, aged 14 years. Sadly missed. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, sister, and brother.

LAMB.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Lamb, who died December 19, 1907. Inserted by her loving family.

No matter how we pray,
No matter how we call,
There is nothing left to answer
But her photo. on the wall.

LEMON.—In tender and everlasting love to the memory of our darling daughter and sister, Rose Ada, aged 35 years, who departed this life December 19, 1906, at her parents' residence, 24 Henderson-road, Alexandria. Inserted by her dear father, brother, and sister, Fred. and Maud Pulling. R.I.P.

McFARLANE.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and my father, Alexander McFarlane, aged 37 years, who departed this life December 20, 1903, at Beattie-street, Balmain. Inserted by his loving wife, Catherine, and only son, Alex.

McFARLANE.—In loving memory of our dear father, Alexander McFarlane, who departed this life December 20, 1903, at Beattie-street, Balmain, aged 37 years. Rest, dearest father, sweetly rest, they miss you most who loved you best. Inserted by his loving daughters, Maud and Olive.

M'FARLAND.—In sad but loving memory of our dear father, Alexander M'Farland, who departed this life December 20, 1903, at Beattie-street, Balmain, aged 37 years. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Ethel and George Withers.

McHALE.—In loving memory of my beloved husband and our dear father, David McHale, who departed this life at his late residence, 22 Prospect-street, Paddington, on December 19, 1901.

Eternal rest give to him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine on his soul.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

MACKAY.—A loving tribute to the memory of Alexander Mackay, who died December 18, 1907, at Kelvin, Glebe Point. Inserted by his loving wife, sons, and daughters.

M'LEAN.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our father, James M'Lean, who died December 19, 1904. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Sadly missed.

MOORE.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Ann Moore, who passed away December 19, 1903, aged 75 years. [illegible] They miss her most who loved her best. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alexander, Waverley.

MOWBRAY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died December 19, 1902. Inserted by her loving

IN MEMORIAM.

MILLER.—In loving memory of our darling little daughter, Dorrie, who died December 19, 1906, at the Children's Hospital, Glebe, aged 8 years and 7 months.

God sent us this little treasure,
To teach us how to love;
And fearing earth would spoil its bloom,
He planted it in Heaven.

Inserted by her loving mother, father, and only brother, Charlie.

MILLER.—In sad but loving memory of my darling little granddaughter, Hilda May (Dorrie), who departed this life December 19, 1906, at the Children's Hospital, Glebe, aged 8 years and 7 months.

You were not meant for earth's rough trials,
Such fair flowers were Heaven's own;
Oh, may your gentle spirit be
A guiding star to lead me home.

Inserted by her loving grandma, Mrs. C. Brown, Braidwood.

MILLER.—In sad but loving memory of our darling little niece, Hilda May (Dorrie), who departed this life December 19, 1906, aged 8 years and 7 months.

We had a little treasure once,
Who was our joy and pride;
We loved her, ah, perhaps, too well,
For soon she slept and died.

Inserted by her loving aunties, Mrs. A. White, Mrs. W. Scarff, and Mrs. M. Graham.

NATHAN.—In loving memory of our dear brother and brother-in-law and uncle, Abraham Samuel Nathan, of Hucknall Torkard, Notts, England, who departed this life on December 19, 1907.

Do not ask us if we miss him,
There is such a vacant place,
How we miss his loving footsteps,
And his dear, sweet, smiling face.
Miss thee, mourn thee, in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memories of days that have been,
Though gone and forgotten by some you may be,
The grave that contains thee is sacred to me.

Inserted by his loving sister, brother-in-law, and nephews, Sarah, Elkie, Meyer, and David Freedman.

NEWPORT.—In loving memory of our dear father, Charles James, who died at Clayton, Melbourne, December 19, 1900. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Clara Newport.

Thou art not forgotten, dearest father,
Nor wilt thou ever be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

Melbourne papers please copy.

ROBERTSON.—In sad and loving remembrance of our darling beloved mother (Agnes), who departed this life December 20, 1907. Inserted by her sorrowing sons and daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, Dave, Maggie, Bertie, Reggie, and Rene. Gone, but not forgotten.

ROBERTSON.—In ever fond and loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Agnes Augusta, who passed away December 20, 1907. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, Louis and Alice, and granddaughter, Ivy. The weary at rest.

SAMUELS.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Jane Samuels, who departed this life suddenly, of heart failure, at Lambert-street, Camperdown, December 20, 1903. Never forgotten. Inserted by her loving son, Sydney Samuels.

SAMUELS.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Jane Samuels, who departed this life suddenly, of heart failure, at Lambert-street, Camperdown, December 20, 1903. Dearly loved, and, oh, how sadly missed. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane (Polly) and William Adams.

SAMUELS.—In sad and loving memory of our dear mother, Jane Samuels, who departed this life December 20, 1903, at Lambert-street, Camperdown. Inserted by her loving son, William John, and Henriette Samuels.

TALBOTT.—In ever loving memory of our dear Ida, who passed away on December 19, 1907, aged 18 years and 5 months. Asleep in Jesus; oh, how sweet. Inserted by her affectionate father and family, John Henry Talbott.

TALBOTT.—In loving memory of our dear niece, Ida, who passed away December 19, 1907, at her late residence, Enmore-road, Marrickville, aged 18 years. At rest. Inserted by her loving uncle and aunt, Edgar and Harriet Murry.

WILLIAMS.—A tribute of love to the memory of my dear wife and our mother, Emma Williams, late of Rockdale and Tempe Park, who died at Orchard-road, Chatswood, December 19, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

A tribute of love to the memory of our dear father and grandfather, who passed on to the higher life December 19, 1906. Inserted by his loving daughter, Lillie Jones and family.

In loving memory of our dear aunt, who died suddenly, December 19, 1907. Inserted by her loving niece and nephew, Vivien and Reginald Baglin.

In memory of our beloved mother, who departed this life December 20, 1907. She being dead, yet speaketh, and her children rise up to call her blessed. Inserted by her affectionate son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Finch.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. MARGARET WILKINSON and FAMILY, of Balmain, desire to express their sincere THANKS to the numerous friends and relations for letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes, and kind expressions of sympathy; to Rev. Father Moynagh, also Dr. L. G. Davidson, the Matron, Nurses, and Staff of the Balmain Hospital, for their kind attention to their late husband and father, in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. MALCOLM COLLISON, Mark-street, Hunter's Hill, wishes to return his heartfelt thanks to his many kind friends, neighbours, and fellow-employees of the Lane Cove Ferry Service, for their floral tributes, cards, letters, and kind expressions of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement through the loss of his dearly beloved wife and child (stillborn).

MRS. F. CLARK and FAMILY desire to express their sincere THANKS to their numerous friends and relatives for letters, telegrams, cards, floral tributes, and kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. E. BAILEY and FAMILY, 44 Andrews-street, Petersham, return their heartfelt THANKS to Rev. Fathers Counsekey, King, and Baugh, Dr. M'Donagh, and to all kind friends, for the many expressions of sympathy in their late sad bereavement.

Mrs. HARDEN and FAMILY return sincere THANKS to the many kind friends and relatives, also Journeymen Coopers' Society, Lever Bros.' Cooperage Employees, S. Fosters and Sons Brass Shop Employees, W. T. Waters, Miss Mark Employees, for floral tributes and letters of sympathy in their sad and recent bereavement.

Mr. THOS. WHITFIELD and FAMILY return THANKS for kind sympathy shown by their friends in their sad bereavement.

The FAMILY of the late MARGARET ELIZABETH CRAWLEY desire to return their sincere THANKS for cards and floral tributes, also to Dr. Devlin and the Priests of St. Mary's, North Sydney, and neighbours, for their kind attention to their mother in her late illness.

Miss S. and Mr. E. S. REARDON, and Mr. T. FLEMMING and FAMILY desire to return THANKS to their many kind friends and relatives for their letters, telegrams, and floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement.

The RELATIVES of the late WILLIAM WATT wish to return thanks to the Employees of Thompson and Son, Ltd., for their sympathy and flower tribute, also to neighbours for kindness and sympathy shown.

Mr. JAMES SCHIMEL and SISTERS desire to return their sincere THANKS to the many friends for their kind expression of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of their brother, Joseph.

Mr. G. T. W. BROWN and FAMILY desire to express their sincere THANKS to their numerous friends and relatives for letters, telegrams, floral tributes, and kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

The FAMILY of the late Mr. WILLIAM SPILSTEAD desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many kind friends and neighbours for letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes, and all expressions of sympathy in their sad and sudden bereavement.

Mrs. MARTHA HALVERSON and FAMILY wish to return their sincere THANKS to their friends and neighbours for their kind telegrams, letters, floral tributes, and cards of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking the Arncliffe Progress Association and School of Arts committee.

Mrs. JOHN MACDONALD and FAMILY, of Marrickville, desire to THANK their numerous friends for the kind expressions of sympathy accorded them in their recent sad bereavement.

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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

SENATE VACANCY.

W. CAMAC WILKINSON, B.A. (Sydney), M.D. (London), has consented to be nominated as a Candidate for the vacancy in the Senate of the University of Sydney, caused by the death of Sir Arthur Renwick, M.D.

A Meeting of Supporters will be announced later.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

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THE PRACTICAL MAN.

Mr. Marriott in one of his novels distinguishes between two of his characters by the different meanings they put on the word "practical." Each of them holds that to be practical is to value only the things that really matter. But there their differences begin. The politician and reformer puts first the comforts that he can see or touch. When he has secured these for his fellow-men he is prepared to look for what he regards as luxuries. The artist has a standard which on cross-examination can only be defended by an appeal to individual convictions. Both of them are happy, for each can persuade himself that the other is wasting his energies in the pursuit of a delusion. The same distinction as Mr. Marriott suggests is commonly clearer between the nations of whom his characteristics are typical. The Celts may have their dreams, from which we may gather entertainment in our few moments of leisure. We are content to let others be called idealists so long as we can vindicate our right to the title of practical. We claim to have been far ahead of other nations in overcoming all the difficulties that lie before pioneers, in peopling waste places and in subduing savage tribes. The Anglo-Saxon imperviousness to ideas has prevented the colonists from becoming assimilated to the races with whom they have come in contact, and thus losing their Mr. Kipling's forester, who, living in the jungle, dressed for dinner every evening, to preserve his self-respect, and others like him in the remote corners of the world, have proudly adhered to English ways of living and to ideas of form which, though perfectly valid in England, have yet to be tested by novel conditions.

It is just by reason of this characteristic that a critic, while admitting the distinction between the practical and the ideal or the spiritual might assert that Anglo-Saxons are of all men the most unpractical. How can they be otherwise described when neither the first nor the second generation of their colonists ever gets the best out of their new possessions, when in other words neither the colonist nor his son can distinguish what should be preserved in his tradition from what should be discarded. Such a hostile critic could have no better instance to cite than the history of civilisation in New South Wales. For almost a century its inhabitants have been agreed that our climate is on the coast delightful in winter, but oppressive in summer, without taking any steps to make life in the summer more endurable. Throughout the last century we have lived in houses which are not distinguished from English houses by their greater coolness. Our main contribution to the world's architecture until recently was the wide verandah and the hideous tin roof. It is only of late years that there has grown up anything like an Australian school of architecture. Even now only a few, either of architects or occupiers, have realised how much is gained in simplicity and in coolness by the use of a single living room, instead of the "many reception rooms," as they are described in sale catalogues. The servant difficulty has been met not by a reform of domestic arrangements, but by a retreat into lodgings, where there can be little privacy, and none of the delight and beauty of a garden. Very few even among the more modern houses have flat roofs. Their many and obvious advantages are not thought sufficient to justify the exertion of dealing with wind and dust, the joint agents of our municipal government and our climate. The roof restaurant is still utterly unknown, though we have in the Art Gallery a sufficiently alluring example of its merits, and though we know how much it is appreciated in Paris and New York. There are still a vast number of people who, having inherited the Early Victorian dislike of fresh air, sleep indoors all the year round, though they have either a garden or a balcony, and who have their breakfast in a room rather than in the open.

It is said, however, that Sydney people can neglect many of their opportunities with impunity because the harbour and the bush make them almost independent of their houses. So we were apt to defend the neglect of our garden, our parks, our streets, and our entertainments when they were compared to their obvious disadvantage with all that has been done to beautify Melbourne. But the fact is that not more than four or five years have elapsed since we first began to make proper use of the waters about us. There has always been a great deal of yachting in Australia, as there has been in England. But the popularity of surf bathing, or even of bathing in the harbour, is entirely modern. Thousands of people have for years, simply from blindness or apathy, gained nothing from the aid to health and vigour, which is itself the most delightful of exercises, and which can be had without either money or trouble. We in Sydney have to wait for the arrival of the country people with their families on their annual holiday to see how much our neglected possessions may be appreciated by those who are driven back on the blessings of fresh, untainted air and unlimited space. The country people, moreover, can show how in another direction we might accommodate our lives to a semi-tropical climate. The traveller whose train arrives at a station at 6 a.m. is occasionally startled by receiving condolences for losing so much of the forenoon, the best part of the day. Yet in Sydney we lose every day three of the best hours of the morning, and work on until late, instead of having either a long mid-day interval, or more time for bathing in the evening. We do this because we have adopted the timetable in use in England without considering whether or no it is fitted for this country. In England we have heard that a proposal brought forward has passed the House of Commons with the object of persuading people to regulate their hours of work to correspond with the variations in the length of days in winter and summer. The bill was brought forward by a faddist, who saw that Englishmen, like their subjects, must be dragooned into doing what is good for them, and is now supported by the practical men who at first called it a joke. We are now asked to support a similar bill in New South Wales. All, and more than all, that was said for the English bill can be said in its favour. No one who has tried to work during the present week in Sydney can have a word to say for the old timetable. It is as bad for the quality of the work as for the worker. Yet no individual can begin a reform which, having for its object a uniform change in many lives, can only proceed from the central authority of the legislature.

THE CHILD AND AFTER.

"Take particular care of the Australian baby" is the injunction of Mr. O. C. Beale, who, having just returned from a second tour abroad, places the Commonwealth under fresh obligations to him for his studies in demography. It is a sound direction. We need to take every care of the Australian baby. In the midst of talk about immigration we should not overlook the fact that the Australian baby is an immigrant with special claims on our attention. Any measures, therefore, that it is in the power of the Governments of Australia to take to reduce the mortality of Australian babies should be taken even though such measures may involve cost. For this reason there should be the closest supervision of all food or medicinal preparations offered by traders for infants' consumption and the prohibition, as Mr. Beale suggests, of various syrups and the like which are calculated to purchase the quietude of children at the expense of their lives. For this reason also an attentive national ear should always be afforded to any workable proposals for mitigating trials of maternity among the poorer classes, as also of easing the expense of large families. Being prepared to spend money in bringing people here from other lands we should be also prepared to consider reasonable spendings for the promotion of increase among our own people. We have often enough endeavoured to impress upon the public mind that numbers is our transcendant problem. As Mr. Beale remarks, this is realised by thinkers abroad—men who have the advantage of being able to look at the question from a detached standpoint—more fully than by our own people. When compared with the countries of Europe and America our net natural increase is not unsatisfactory; but to the extent that it is so it is due not to the high birth rate but to the low death high standard of civilization and comfort, but it is not necessarily a sign of national vigour. In this respect, however, we are not alone. To greater or lesser extent it is the problem of the whole civilised world. The experience is that as a nation rises in the scale of civilisation it becomes correspondingly less prolific. Note France, most elaborately civilised of all the nations. Nationally, racially, France is shrinking. Germany, with a less highly-wrought and worn civilisation than France, is still increasing, but even there the rate of increase has a tendency to decline as the general standard of comfort and education rises. The new countries—the United States and Argentina, for example—have been witness to astonishing increases of population; but the increase has been mostly a matter of immigration. The sound foundation stock of both countries—British in one case, Spanish in the other—has ceased to reproduce itself in numbers sufficient to represent a progressive increase.

While showing that in this respect we are not exceptional, the experience of other countries offers us small consolation. We are told sometimes that this is a matter under control. To a large extent it is so doubt, but we question whether it is so wholly. In all countries, no matter what their degree of civilisation, the upper classes are the least prolific. It is so even in Asia. The only difference is that there the upper or highly-civilised class bears a ridiculously small proportion to the whole. It is content to supply the brain for a huge rude body in which nature works her will with amazing prodigality. This consideration it is, more than any other, which, quite apart from passing phases of political policy, makes the cloud of Asia hang so threateningly in the fair sky of Australia's future. Asia, we must remember, is in the position of a field which has lain fallow for centuries, and when it is comprehensively cropped for race results, we may be sure that the harvest will be an immense one. Both Professor Macmillan Brown and a recent German visitor have had something to say on this question which it is worth our while to ponder.

Thus our obligation to tend the Australian baby, and to see to it that he or she grows into an effective manhood and womanhood, becomes doubly great. But what we may be denied in numbers we should seek to compensate for in individual efficiency. The need for the utmost individual efficiency is even greater with us than it is with the people of little Switzerland. They have on all sides potential enemies, but their territory is so small and so poor as to offer little temptation to the cupidity of other nations. But in our case, Australia is probably the greatest territorial prize which the world has to offer to an ambitious nation seeking less conquest over other people than room for the expansion of its own people. The mere existence of the Australian baby is, therefore, not enough of itself. Unless that baby is trained so as ultimately to fulfil his or her future role in the fortunes of the Commonwealth, it might as well not have been. That there are tendencies in our life which do not make for the best ultimate results it would be idle to ignore. The very softness of our conditions begets a casualness which has an unhealthy incidence upon character. The splendid geniality of our climate which is for ever beckoning us out of doors has a relaxing effect upon that family life, the exclusiveness and intensity of which have been the basis of whatever is great and effective in the peoples from which we have sprung. The tendency, not yet very emphatic, perhaps, but still clearly enough defined, is for the young Australian to become a law unto himself before his character has been properly set. Out of this we get much independence of spirit and outlook, which, as far as it goes, is good; but the trouble is that it is a spirit of independence only weakly linked with the spirit of obligation. Australian parents leave their children to themselves too soon. They are too much inclined to shift their responsibility on to the schoolmaster, and he, even if well equipped for his part, has but a temporary influence in the life of the State school child. Only this week an Anglican gathering at Ballarat urged upon the local council that the parks should be closed at dark in the interests of juvenile morality, and a deputation of women's Christian organisations, including the officers of the Children's Court, urged the introduction of a "Curfew law" to the same end. Such measures, however, would be of doubtful utility unless backed by a strong body of parental opinion, and if that were alive and operative no such laws would be necessary. The schoolmaster's function as a builder of character—a function of very much greater moment than that of merely training the intellect—is brought more prominently into view, and it is wise policy to see that the requirement in this regard is adequately met, no matter what other portion of the curriculum suffers. With us school discipline should be hard. And when the time comes for the youth—that is to say, the boy—to leave school, that discipline should follow him determinedly to manhood in the guise of compulsory military training. No Australian boy, not physically disqualified, should be allowed to escape service as a military cadet, and there should be no maudlin scruples about making it a serious training and a serious discipline. It is a training, a discipline which will prepare him to fight, as in all human probability he will have to do sooner or later, but even if he never has to fight it must be an enormous factor in shaping his life in the direction of patriotism, self-respect, and individual efficiency.

To-day's "Herald."—Mr. Lucy (page 5), after mention of the disconcerting effect on Opposition journals of Mr. Asquith's address at the Guildhall, and reference to the sketches of the late Frank Lockwood, tells some stories to illustrate the late Lord Salisbury's bad memory for faces, and locates the real Window in Thrums. The writer of "A Woman's Letter" (page 5) is full of information on the winter hats and gowns, and after noting some theatre dresses, describes a new Christmas present. The second article on the Nor'-East Corner (page 7) continues the story of the marvellous transformation of the Richmond, and the accident of the introduction of the wonder-working paspalum. Our special correspondent in London (page 5) describes the Lord Mayor's Show this year, which was arranged by Mr. Louis Parker, and largely embraced literary London of the past. A contributor (page 5) gives no quarter to Colonel Legge's ideas of military uniform. "In the Garden" (page 7) deals fully with current work, and is particularly interesting in the propagation of pelargoniums. "Holiday Fiction" (page 8) concerns itself with the abundant light literature of the season.

Queensland Fruit Regulations.—The Minister of Agriculture has received a telegram from the Brisbane Department of Agriculture, stating that Italian lemons are arriving in that city from Sydney without bearing any signs of inspection, particularly those from the last apparent shipment. The Queensland Department of Agriculture wishes Sydney merchants to be informed that Italian lemons must carry clean or fumigation certificates, otherwise expense will be incurred at Brisbane for the purpose of inspecting and fumigating before they are allowed to enter the State.

A Question of Responsibility.—The select Committee appointed to inquire into the claim [against the Sydney Har]bour Trust Commissioners, in respect of an accident at the Fort Macquarie approach to the horse ferry on June 6, 1907, presented its report to the Legislative Assembly yesterday. The committee reported that Andrew Rodgers was justly entitled to monetary compensation for physical injury and pain and mental worry suffered by him, and also to fair consideration for loss of business. The committee was further of opinion that the accident, resulting as it did largely, at any rate, through the gate leading to the horse ferry not being closed, the responsibility for the payment of any compensation rested with the Sydney Harbour Trust. The committee recommended the claim to the favourable consideration of the Government.

High Court of Australia.—The sittings of the High Court of Australia for the year practically terminated yesterday. In stating that the Court would take time to consider a matter, the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, intimated that this particular judgment would be delivered in Chambers. He did not mention any date, but some matters are to be taken in Judge's-chambers on Tuesday next. The Melbourne sittings will commence in February, and the Court will resume in Sydney towards the end of March.

Coupon System.—We have received a copy of the petition presented to the Premier praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to continue the work of the select committee on the coupon system. The petitioners state (1) that practically the entire business community and many sections of the public have for a number of years sought relief from the coupon system, which is in operation in this State, although suppressed by Acts of Parliament in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand. (2) That the select committee has not been able to conclude the investigation before the adjournment of Parliament. (3) That much of the evidence will not be forthcoming, and that justice to the parties to the case will be delayed unless the inquiry is continued during the recess. (4) That five witnesses only have been examined, and some 160 witnesses, the names of whom have been submitted to the select committee, are ready to be examined on behalf of those opposed to the coupon system, and, no doubt, other witnesses in favour of the system will be called. (5) That the petitioners have been informed that a number of important witnesses will not be able to attend after an interval of several months. (6) That any further delay in the investigation of the coupon system will entail embarrassment and loss to the commercial community and the public. The petition is signed by the Advisor Anti-coupon League of N.S.W. (Maxwell Keely, chairman); the N.S.W. Chamber of Manufacturers (J. G. Farleigh, president); the Country Storekeepers' Association of N.S.W. (Jnd. H. King, secretary); N.S.W. Retail Grocers' Association (R. Harrison, president); the Retail Tobacconists' Association (Henry Morris, chairman of directors); and by John Wallace (Commercial Travellers' Association of New South Wales).

Supreme Court Sittings.—Yesterday the final sittings of the Supreme Court in its various jurisdictions came to a close, and the Judges entered upon a Christmas vacation. As far as the jury causes are concerned, the business was practically cleared off. The next term of the Full Court will commence about the middle of February.

A Tram Danger.—Yesterday a prominent business man had an experience in Pitt-street which shows the need for much greater care on the part of the tramway authorities. Being desirous of getting up town, he waited at the Bridge-street corner, in Pitt-street. One tram passed without stopping, then a railway tram approached and slowed down. At the white mark indicating the stopping-place the would-be passenger stepped on, expecting the tram to pause, but it went on with a jerk that threw him into the street with some contusions and damage to his clothes. There are two ways in which similar carelessness and inattention to public safety will cause danger. The person who wants to get on the tram may suffer more or less injury, and others who rely upon the trams stopping at the indicated place, and therefore cross in front of the on-coming tram, are also in danger. Apart from these more serious risks, it is a reflection upon the tramway management when in crowded thoroughfares the trams virtually take possession of the streets, without regard to the rights of all classes of citizens.

Three Shillings for a Horse.—Included in a report upon weather supplied to the Federal Government by the Commonwealth Meteorologist, who is now touring the world, are some remarks upon the consequences of drought in countries outside Australia. He mentions that in California some years ago, after a very bad rainless season, horses were sold for 3s each. In what were known as the Californian and Colorado deserts, where the thermometer stood at 120 degrees in the shade for several consecutive days, wonderful results were said to have been obtained by irrigation; several crops of feed being gathered in the year, and orchards changing hands at good prices.

The Lawyer's Way.—At the annual dinner of the King's School Old Boys' Union last night Mr. Justice Pring, the chairman, said that he had pointed out to Mr. A. Weigall, headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School, that each institution had two old boys on the Supreme Court Bench. "And I told him," continued his Honor, "that if we succeeded in getting the Chief Justiceship we would beat the Grammar School. Mr. Weigall's eye twinkled, and he asked me, 'Don't you count the High Court?' I had quite forgotten that the Grammar School had two old boys on the High Court Bench. What was I to do? I took the only way out—the lawyer's way. I said: 'No, we don't count the High Court.' (Loud laughter.) What else could I have said, gentlemen, without giving the old school away?"

The postal authorities intimate that the stamps sales office at the General Post Office will in future be kept open for the sale of postage stamps until 2 p.m. on public holidays.

Anthony Hordern and Sons announce in another column that Queen Alexandra's Christmas gift book, "Photographs from My Camera," will be available next week at the price fixed by her Majesty.

There is on exhibition just now at the Crown Studios specimens of pastel work by Mr. Gwynn Thompson Pritchard, which is well worth the inspection of lovers of art. The collection comprises a selection of scenes and studies descriptive of Australia and Tasmania. Mr. Pritchard, a New Zealand artist, has been studying in Great Britain and the Continent, with results which visitors to the Crown Studios will doubtless admire.

The sense of the last paragraph of Mr. Storey's letter in yesterday's "Herald" was altered by the omission of the word "no" before the word nonsense. The sentence should read: "If a time should come when I have aspirations for any leading public position there will be no nonsense about it."

"F. W. P." draws attention to the want of a navigation mark on the Parramatta side of Long Nose Point.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Rankine, Dobbie, and Co., a copy of the "Defence of the Empire in Australia," by Colonel Hubert Foster, Royal Engineers, Director of Military Science at the University of Sydney.

DIVE FROM PYRMONT BRIDGE.

A middle-aged labourer, named Charles M'Carty, was charged at the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. King, S.M., with having tried to commit suicide. Constable Robert Brown, of the Traffic Department, was on duty at Pyrmont Bridge on the afternoon of the 15th inst. when he noticed defendant acting in a strange manner. M'Carty appeared to be having an altercation with his wife. Suddenly defendant divested himself of his coat, hat, and vest, and sprang over the side of the bridge into the water. Brown made a rush for the spot, and upon looking over the parapet saw M'Carty striking out for the shore. Defendant was subsequently picked up by a boat and appeared to be little the worse for his immersion. The bridge at the spot defendant jumped over was about 45ft above the water. M'Carty's wife told the court that he was a good swimmer. The magistrate, after commenting upon defendant's foolishness, discharged him, as the evidence pointed to the fact that defendant was not actuated by a felonious intent.

TO-DAY.

Australian Jockey Club: First Race, 1.30.
Newbury-Spada Concert: Town Hall, 8.
Matinee Musicale: St. James's Hall, 3.
Consecration Service: Conference Hall, 7.30.
Welcome Carnival "Snowy Baker": City Baths.
Sydney Sailing Club: 18ft Championship.
Her Majesty's: "The Merry Widow," 7.45.
Theatre Royal: "The Sign of the Cross."
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 and 7.30.
Palace Theatre: "Struck Oil," 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 and 7.30.
Lyceum Hall: Spencer's Theatrescope, 2.30 and 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Standard Theatre, 8.
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Victoria Hall: American Theatrescope, 2.30 and 8.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures Palace, 2.30 and 8.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 2.30 and 8.
Exhibition Building: Moving Picture.
Figure 8, Coogee: 3.
Skating: Bondi Skating Rink.

PERSONAL.

On Thursday evening a Bar dinner was given at St. James's Hall to Sir Frederick Darley, Chief Justice of the State, as an official leave-taking by the members of the upper branch of the legal profession. The Premier (Mr. Wade, K.C.) occupied the chair.

There was a happy gathering in the Opposition room at Parliament House yesterday, when members of the Labour party substantially recognised the sterling qualities of their leader, Mr. M'Gowen. Mr. Holman, deputy-leader, spoke in high terms of the esteem in which Mr. M'Gowen was held by the party, and presented him with a purse of sovereigns. Mr. M'Gowen was agreeably surprised, and found some difficulty in expressing his thanks. He said that he had always endeavoured to strive for party above personal interests, and had refused tempting offers for his advancement in order that he might stand to his post. During recess Mr. M'Gowen intends taking a good holiday.

Sir James Fairfax, accompanied by Lady and Miss Fairfax, leaves Sydney to-day by the P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Mongolia, on a 12 months' pleasure trip to Europe.

Dr. Henry Kenneth Fry, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., who completed his medical course this year, has been selected as the South Australian Rhodes scholar for 1909.

Merchants of York-street and others tendered Mr. Wynn Roberts, of Bond-street, a complimentary dinner on Thursday evening at Clifton Gardens Hotel. The chair was occupied by Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., who, on behalf of those present, presented Mr. Roberts with an illuminated address, and Mrs. Roberts with a solid silver afternoon tea service. The toast of "The Guest" was submitted by the chairman, and supported by Messrs. Templeman, Hitchman, Hon. C. W. Oakes, Mr. Tillock (Consul-General for the Argentine), Mr. Stoddart (Robert Reid and Co.), and Mr. Dibble (Henry Bull and Co.).

Mr. G. Moncrieff Barron, who was for some years an officer of the Treasury Department, from which he resigned about five years ago, has succeeded in passing his final examination for the degree of M.B. Ch.M.

Miss Eleanor Huntley, who has been for seven years hon. secretary Sydney Medical Mission, leaves Sydney by the Mongolia to-day. Miss Rebe Wight has taken over office of hon. secretary.

The heads of departments and travelling staff of Messrs. James Sandy and Co. assembled at a dinner, when Mr. J. M. Sandy gave a resume of his recent trip abroad. His health, proposed by Mr. A. R. Troup, was warmly drunk. The toast of "The Employees" was responded to by Mr. Freeman. Messrs. Lloyd, Willis, and Lidbury also spoke. The employees made a handsome presentation to Mr. Freeman.

At a reunion in the Girls' High School of the boys and masters of the Rural Camp School, a presentation of a large framed group of the masters was made to Mr. T. Lobban (organising officer).

At a social at St. John's Parish Hall, at Woolwich, a picture, painted by Mrs. Peel, was presented to Mr. T. H. Neely, churchwarden and secretary of the parochial council. A presentation was also made to Mr. William Dearman, to mark appreciation of his interest in musical matters.

Major H. G. Sandilands, R.F.A., having completed his term of duty as exchange officer, has left Melbourne for England, and is struck off the strength of the Commonwealth military forces accordingly.

Mr. C. A. L. Loney, treasurer of the N.S.W. Chamber of Manufactures and treasurer of the Associated Chambers of Manufactures of the Commonwealth of Australia, was entertained by the council of the local Chamber at dinner at Paris House last evening. Mr. Loney, who is leaving on a nine-months' trip to America, partly to attend the celebration of the golden wedding of his parents, is the principal of the Ammonia Company of Australasia. Mr. O. C. Beale and Mr. J. P. Franki both supported the toast of his health. Dr. Talbot, of New York, and Mr. J. A. Macauley, of Boston, responded to the toast of the visitors.

Among the passengers by the R.M.S. Mongolia, sailing for London to-day, are Lady M'Millan, Miss Margaret Anglin, Miss Eileen Anglin, Mrs. and Miss Eileen Toohey, Mrs. E. P. Simpson, Mr. Telford Simpson, Mr. J. M. C. Forsayth (of New Britain, Bismarck Archipelago), and Senator Clemons. Mr. J. R. King, London representative of the Coastal Farmers' Co-operative Society, Ltd., will also leave by the Mongolia, and will form one of the Australian butter committee recently created in London.

On Sunday (the fourth Sunday in Advent) the Archbishop of Sydney purposes holding an ordination in the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Sydney, when the gentlemen whose names are undermentioned will be admitted into holy orders. Deacons: F. L. Ash, University of Sydney, B.A., and S. John's College, Armidale; J. Bidwell, Moore Theological College, Sydney; W. E. Coates, Moore; W. H. Croft, Moore; O. G. Dent, Moore; P. J. Evans, Moore; T. M. P. Gerry, Australian College of Theology, Th.L.; A. J. B. King, Moore; W. R. Newton, Moore; J. F. Schwegler, Moore; E. Shipley, Moore; R. K. Teasdale, Moore. Priests: S. H. Denman, Moore; W. A. Fletcher, Australian College of Theology, Th.L.; E. N. Gowing, University of Sydney, B.A., and Australian College of Theology, Th.L.; H. M. A. Pearce, Moore; W. T. L. A. Pearce, University of Sydney, B.A., and Moore; W. T. Price, Moore; F. A. Reed; H. A. C. Rowsell, St. John's College, Armidale, Australian College of Theology, Th.L.; J. H. Wilcoxson, Australian College of Theology, Th.L., and Moore; S. J. Woolnough, Moore.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

IMPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The Minister for Customs has had investigation made into the complaints that explosives are being dumped in Australia from South Africa. As the result he has come to the conclusion that there has been no infringement of the Australian Industries Preservation Act, but that the users are benefitting by the competition between the South African explosives companies. Inquiries were made from Mr. Dickenson, secretary of the Broken Hill Proprietary, in connection with that company's agreement with the Cape Explosives Works, Somerset, West South African. This company was formed on account of the prices charged to the South African mining companies by Nobels, and is now supplying half the consumption by the mines; the other half coming from Nobels' works at Modderfontein. The capital sunk in the undertaking was £1,308,000. Mr. Dickenson stated that since the Cape explosives works came into competition Nobels' prices have been lowered, and Mr. Dickenson said he believed a five years' contract could be made with Nobels' at the following prices:—Blasting gelatine, about 52s per case; gelignite, about 38s 6d per case. These would be under the quoted figures for Cape works explosives, namely, delivered at the mines 56/11 for blasting gelatine, and 46s 11d for gelignite. The agreement between the Australian buyer and the Cape explosive works, it was further stated in the report, appeared to be a fair contract and the prices paid were the same as the miners in South Africa were asked to pay.

SUPPLY OF WEATHER LISTS.

The Minister for Home Affairs has approved of the system of supplying private institutions, firms, etc., with a daily weather bulletin from the Meteorological Department in each State, in return for the payment of an annual fee.

BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER.

The newly-appointed representative in Australia of the British Board of Trade, Mr. Hamilton Wickes, has arrived in Melbourne, where he will establish his headquarters. He paid a call at the Customs Department to-day. The principal work to which Mr. Wickes will devote himself in Australia will be in the interests of British manufacturers, who wish to open up trade with the Commonwealth. He intends visiting Sydney and Tasmania shortly.

A DELAYED MAIL.

MURWILLUMBAH, Friday.

The Postal Department has been asked for a report on the non-arrival of the Sydney mail on Friday. Mr. Hindmarsh states that the delay was probably caused by the condition of the road between Richmond range and Casino. It was stated that there were 50 bullock teams hauling heavy timber on

IN PARLIAMENT.

WORK OF THE SESSION.

Finishing touches were given last evening to the work of the session. All that remains is the formal prorogation. The Legislative Council met the wishes of the Assembly with respect to amendments in the Sydney Corporation (Land Tax) Bill, and the Pure Food Bill. Some private bills were agreed to, and the Appropriation Bill and Loan Bill passed all stages.

The Legislative Assembly sat from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Amendments made by the Council in various measures were dealt with; a bill was passed extending for 12 months the term of office of the Western Land Board; and two or three private bills, including the Lismore Church Lands Bill and the Sydney Bethel Union Extension Bill, were put through all stages. With an interchange of good wishes by the Premier and leader of the Opposition, the session closed.

Parliament has fairly earned its recess. The programme outlined in the Governor's speech on July 21 has been substantially carried into effect. Very few promises remain unfulfilled. The Premier gave a strong lead; his party loyally supported him; the Opposition attitude was reasonable, and much of the criticism from that side of the House was distinctly helpful.

Substantial additions have been made to the Statute Book. Of first importance is the Pure Food Act, designed to protect the public both as to the quality and quantity of food and drink and drugs. It comes into operation on January 1. The Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, which embodies the highly contentious lease conversion proposal, showed the debating power of the House at its best. Speeches delivered on the second reading drew from the Minister in charge expressions of appreciation, and a frank admission that the debate had been a helpful one. Two days sufficed to put the bill though committee, and this for a highly contentious measure was, as Mr. Holman put it, almost unprecedented. The Sydney Corporation Amendment Act gives the City Council power to strike a rate on unimproved land values.

An important and helpful measure which received assent is the Subventions to Friendly Societies Act. Bills were carried amending the Industrial Disputes Act, the Police Offence Act, the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Act, the Local Government Act, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, the Theatres and Public Halls Act, and the Public Service Superannuation Act.

Among the new measures are the Minimum Wages Act, the Prisoners Detention Act, the Grass Tree License Act, the Great Northern Coal Companies Railway Act, the Church of England Clergy Provident Fund Act, the Private Hospitals Act, the Diocese of Lismore Church Lands Act, the Sydney Bethel Union Extension Act, the St. James' Parsonage Land Amending Act, and a number of important proposals for the carrying out of various public works and for the resumption of land for closer settlement purposes.

Included in the proposals that stand over are the Murray Waters Agreement Bill, Fire Brigades Bill, Workmen's Compensation Bill, Amending Fisheries Bill, Libel Law Amendment Bill, University Colleges Amendment Bill, Width of Tyres Bill, Motor Traffic Bill, Inebriates Amendment Bill, and the Poisons Bill.

The session has been poor in incident. There was the melodramatic flight from the Chamber of the Opposition party in protest against the refusal of the Premier to treat with respect Mr. M'Gowen's notice of motion "that the Government has forfeited the confidence of the House by its failure to introduce industrial legislation, and by its unnecessarily harsh and tactless administration of the law." A few days later the House divided on Mr. M'Gowen's motion, and rejected it by 41 to 25. At the beginning of the session Mr. M'Gowen's amendment on the Address in Reply was defeated by 48 to 30.

Early in November Mr. Griffith, member for Sturt, having refused to withdraw words reflecting upon the Speaker, was adjudged guilty of contempt and suspended. He forthwith resigned his seat, and a couple of weeks later was re-elected unopposed. Mr. Norton, member for Darling Harbour, has been absent on leave throughout the session, and owing to serious illness Mr. Cann, member for Broken Hill, and Mr. Meagher, member for Phillip, have been absent during the last two months. Twice during the session the attendants and officials had the pleasure of seeing the House counted out.

Mr. Wade's leadership has proved equal to all requirements. Strength rather than tact has been his characteristic. The honours of the Premiership are great—so is the price that has to be paid. Though naturally a man of robust health Mr. Wade is on the verge of physical breakdown. A week or two more of Parliamentary life at the pace of the last month and he would be on a sick bed.

"If I were leader of the Opposition," said Mr. O'Sullivan recently in reproach of Mr. M'Gowen's leadership, "I would have them out in three months." But the doughty old veteran was ever an optimist. Mr. Wade has ridden the party horse with curb and spur, and the strength of the hand on the bridle has been recognised. On the other hand, Mr. M'Gowen has been astride a buckjumper, whose exhibitions have not always been in private. There are many captains in the Opposition—and passengers also. Probably Mr. M'Gowen has done as much as any man could do to blend together the heterogeneous elements of his party. No man is better liked in the Opposition room than he. His standard of personal honour is a high one. But old Parliamentarian though he be, he is not an expert player of political chess. His moves are always uncovered.

As a party the Opposition stands precisely where it stood at the beginning of the session. Some of its members have improved their standing considerably, and their speeches command attention; others have carefully inscribed their names on the list of those who "never would be missed." But there is not a sign on the political horizon of a drift from the cross benches to the Opposition seats. It is to the electors, not to the cross benches, that Mr. M'Gowen must look for recruits.

Deep down there are indications of a current forming and setting from the Ministerial to the cross benches. The first strong man who breaks away from the Liberal ranks will give impetus to the stream. There are men in the party under strong temptation to resist the Spartan rigour of Mr. Wade's rule; others who consider that the Premier's social reform policy was carried too far, and allowed to monopolise time that should have been given to general legislation; they blame Mr. Wade for having delayed until the eleventh hour consideration of the Estimates, and admit the right of members, irrespective of party, to discuss as they see fit every money vote. Murmuring in the ranks is a danger signal.

There are singularly few good speakers in the House. Elocution is a lost art. The graceful speakers—those whose matter is well ordered, whose phrasing is happy, and whose voices ring as a bell—can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Mr. Holman on one side of the House, and Sir James Graham on the other, are of this little band. The defects of members generally are calculated to shorten the days of those whose business it is to hear and record. Ministers are great sinners. "Speak up!" urge exasperated legislators as they strain their ears to catch the purport of answers to their questions. Still the mumbling goes on. "Be careful!" cried Mr. Edden in a warning tone as he craned his head forward in an attempt to follow a Ministerial statement—"Be careful, or somebody might hear you!" Others there are who, empty as the sounding brass, can be heard in Macquarie-street.

During the first half of the session motions for adjournment were of almost daily occurrence, and took up much time. It was not until the session was half over that members fairly settled down to solid work. Practically the work of the session has been accomplished during the last couple of months, and during the last few weeks the sittings have been inordinately long.

REFORM IN INDIA.

ENLARGED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

EXTENDED ADVISORY POWERS.

NO PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Lord Morley of Blackburn, Secretary of State for India, in the House of Lords, and Mr. T. R. Buchanan, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for India, in the House of Commons yesterday, made statements revealing the wide scheme of constitutional reforms which the Government had drawn up for India.

Lord Morley said that the Royal Commission, which was inquiring into the internal relations between the Government of India and all its subordinate and co-ordinate parts, would report in February or March. He deprecated making the Indian sky darker than it really was.

Lord Morley admitted that there were formidable difficulties in existence, but those difficulties must be regarded with a due sense of proportion; and with the intrepid coolness of the Earl of Minto, the Governor-General, there was no fear of a general rising, but there was nevertheless risk of a general panic, due to the terrorism exercised by the anarchists.

Lord Morley admitted that the power of deporting prisoners without trial was a tremendous instrument of executive authority, but summary jurisdiction was necessary under the circumstances in order to protect peaceful and harmless people. But this ought not to arrest the policy of reform; the action of extremists and irreconcilables must not force the Government to drop the policy announced two years ago. He believed that the exercise of summary jurisdiction would soon restore order.

Lord Morley disclaimed any intention to set up any sort of a Parliamentary system. If he believed that the changes contemplated would lead directly, or of necessity, to the establishment of a Parliamentary system he would have nothing to do with them.

DISCUSSION IN THE LORDS.

SUPREMACY OF CENTRAL AUTHORITY.

The Marquis of Lansdowne said that such a tremendous innovation as the scheme outlined contemplated ought not to be introduced until Parliament had fully discussed it. Nothing ought to be done to paralyse the central Government.

Lord Macdonnell, at one time Acting Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, insisted that complete and absolute control of Indian affairs must be kept in the hands of the Government of India. All provincial and local government must be subject to that condition.

Lord Macdonnell vehemently denounced the partition of Bengal as a great blunder, and he urged that it should be retracted.

OUTLINE OF THE SCHEME.

CLASS REPRESENTATION.

A MEASURE OF EDUCATION.

Mr. T. R. Buchanan explained in the House of Commons that it was not intended to establish advisory councils, imperial or provincial, as their functions would be better discharged by enlarged Legislative Councils.

The enlargement of such councils, Mr. Buchanan said, and the extension of their functions to a discussion of administrative questions, were deep and far-reaching features of the new scheme. The provincial Legislative Councils would be increased in size, greater reality would be given to their debates, though the veto of the Governor and the power of the Viceroy's Council would be still held in reserve. It was intended to secure a large representation of the land-holding class and of Mohammedans on the councils; also to increase largely the number of members elected by municipalities and by district boards.

The Viceroy's Council would be increased from 22 to 62, partly elected by special classes, but the permanent official majority would be maintained. Special communities and interests ought to be represented on the Council.

Resolutions moved by unofficial members of the Council dealing with general administrative questions could be submitted to the Government in the form of recommendations. Similar recommendations affecting the Budget would be considered.

The Government, Mr. Buchanan continued, also desired to vivify local and district boards, thereby training the people to manage local affairs. Executive Councils, too, would be established elsewhere than in Madras and Bombay.

Mr. Buchanan claimed that a real step forward had been made to meet the political aspirations of honest reformers, while the British supremacy would be maintained unchallenged. Thus Indians would be educated in administrative work in the school of experience. It was important that these reforms should appear as the spontaneous gift of the British nation to make them popular in India.

No discussion followed the statement in the House of Commons.

BRITISH PRESS CRITICISM.

A FAVOURABLE RECEPTION.

The "Times" welcomes the general character of the proposed reforms, especially that part increasing the strength of the Legislative Councils, but it gravely doubts the expediency of the reforms affecting the composition and the vigour of the local and central Executive Councils.

The "Standard" writes that the reforms will not appease the extremist section of Indian home-rulers, while the moderates will only regard them as a partial concession to their demands. Nevertheless, the scheme is a spirited attempt to solve a tremendous problem.

The "Daily News" asserts that the scheme is incomplete, but with its help Great Britain will regain the moral strength and influence which she has been losing for a decade.

The "Daily Telegraph" is neither pessimistic nor sanguine, but is expectant, and believes that certainly the utmost has been conceded that the present circumstances admit.

The "Daily Chronicle" says that it is a great scheme.

[The King, in his message to the Princes and peoples of India on the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of the assumption by Queen Victoria of the Government of India, made reference to the desire of the people for representative Government, and of the intentions of the Government with regard thereto. He said: "From the first the principle of representative institutions began to be gradually introduced, and the time has come when, in the judgment of my Viceroy and Governor-General and others of my counsellors, that principle may be prudently extended. Important classes among you, representing ideas that have been fostered and encouraged by British rule, claim equality of citizenship, and a greater share in legislation and government. The politic satisfaction of such a

authority and power. Administration will be all the more efficient if the officers who conduct it have greater opportunities of regular contact with those whom it affects, and with those who influence and reflect common opinion about it. I will not speak of the measures that are now being diligently framed for these objects. They will speedily be made known to you, and will, I am very confident, mark a notable stage in the beneficent progress of your affairs."

The Council of the Governor-General consists of six ordinary members, besides the Commander-in-Chief, who is an extraordinary member. The ordinary members are appointed by the Crown, and usually hold office for five years. The work of the Governor-General is distributed among nine departments—Home, Foreign, Finance, Army, Military Supply, Public Works, Revenue and Agriculture, Commerce and Industry, Legislative. At the head of each is one of the Secretaries of the Government of India, and each, except the Foreign Department, which is under the immediate superintendence of the Governor-General, is assigned to the special care of one of the members of the Council. For legislative purposes the Governor-General's Council is expanded into a legislative council by the addition of 16 additional members, who are nominated by the Viceroy. This council has power, subject to certain restrictions, to make laws for all persons within British India, for all British subjects within the native States, and for all native Indian subjects of the King in any part of the world. The proceedings in the Legislative Council are public.

The Governors of Madras and Bombay have each an Executive Council of two members appointed by the Crown. This system it is proposed to extend now to the other provinces. The Governors of Madras and Bombay, and the five Lieutenant-Governors (Bengal, Eastern Bengal and Assam, United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, the Punjab, and Burma), each have Legislative Councils of their own.

As regards local government there were, in 1905-06, 749 municipalities with a population of 16,670,774. They possess ordinary municipal powers except that the taxes they propose must be approved by the Provincial Government. The elective principle is now enjoyed in a large or small measure all over India. In all larger towns, and in many of the smaller towns, the majority of members of the committee are elected by the ratepayers. Everywhere the majority of town committees consists of natives, and in many committees all the members are natives. For rural tracts, except in Burma, there are district and local boards, which are in charge of roads, district schools, and hospitals.]

SUPPRESSING SEDITION.

EFFECT OF SUMMARY METHODS.

In regard to the numerous arrests recently made in Bengal in connection with the seditious conspiracy ten of the prominent accused have been placed in gaols in different places, including Agra, Lucknow, Bassein, and Mandelay.

The adoption of summary justice has produced a marked effect in Bengal.

Several leading men in Dacca who openly supported the seditious volunteers waited as a deputation on the Commissioner, and asked how they could best assist the Government.

The secret societies are dissolving. Revolvers have been found buried in the mud of the Hugli.

EXTREMISTS' CONGRESS.

PROHIBITED BY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities have prohibited the Congress, promoted by the extremists, intended to be held at Nagpur, Central Provinces, at Christmas time, in opposition to the National Congress of Moderates at Madras.

WAR IN AMERICA.

VENEZUELA AND HOLLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The State Department at Washington is informed that Venezuela has declared war against Holland, owing to the blockade of the Venezuelan Coast, maintained by that Power.

The revolutionary movement against President Castro is growing.

The dispute between Holland and Venezuela ostensibly commenced with the dismissal of the Dutch Minister, M. de Reus, from Caracas by President Castro, but friction had existed for some time and personal indiscretion by the Dutch Minister was merely made the excuse by the President for rupturing relations. President Castro alleged that conspirators against his Government had asylum on Curacoa, a Dutch possession in the West Indies, and from there continued their plotting. It was further alleged that rifles and ammunition for the revolutionary factions found their way into Venezuelan ports, hidden aboard coasters sailing under the Dutch flag. Hence he promulgated an edict that cargoes from America or Europe may not be transhipped at Curacoa for Venezuelan ports, and that no small craft can trade along the Venezuelan shore unless under the flag of that country. That practically annihilated the Curacoa shipping trade. The prohibition of Curacoa men to work as longshoremen in La Guayra and other Venezuelan ports did the rest. President Castro not only rendered it impossible for Curacoan shipping to follow its trade in Venezuelan waters, but on the high seas and even in Dutch territorial waters his coastguards acted in a way which was unbearable. In March one of his ships stopped a Dutch vessel which carried Dutch official correspondence. This correspondence was intercepted and the crew of the Dutch vessel was held captive for some time. Later the same fate befell two other Dutch ships carrying correspondence for New York. When no satisfaction could be obtained from President Castro Holland determined with the sanction of the United States to blockade the coast, and in doing so has taken possession of two Venezuelan coastguard boats.

LIBERAL DISAGREEMENTS.

WELSH RADICALS DISAPPOINTED.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Welsh Radicals threaten a secession in revenge for the failure of Mr. Asquith to enforce the disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

Wales is wholly represented by either Liberal or Labour members; there is not one Conservative representative of Wales. The electorate of the Principality has spoken with so certain a voice in favour of Liberalism that it is difficult whether the dissatisfied Radicals could secede.

FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION.

GERMAN DESERTERS.

CAPTURE OF THE LEADER.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The ex-Bavarian officer who led the mutiny of a number of German members of the French Foreign Legion in Algeria has been captured.

Paris papers state that the headquarters of the German Desertion Agency is at Cologne.

UNITED STATES TARIFF.

MR. TAFT'S PROMISES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Mr. W. H. Taft, President elect of the United States, speaking at New York, implied that he would veto any Tariff Revision Bill which disregarded promises made at the Republican National Convention at Chicago.

In the tariff reform plank of its platform adopted at Chicago the Republican party declared that the true principle of protection was the imposition of such duties as would equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a

TWO-POWER STANDARD.

SOME RADICAL DISSENT.

MR. ASQUITH PROMISES ANOTHER STATEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Mr. J. A. Murray Macdonald, M.P., and other Radicals are pressing Mr. Asquith for a further declaration regarding a two-Power naval standard, with a view of minimising his former declaration.

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Replying to a question by Mr. A. H. Lee, a former Civil Lord of the Admiralty, prompted by the action of Mr. Murray Macdonald, Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, said in the House of Commons yesterday that the views of the Government on the two-Power standard had not changed. He would later make a full statement on the matter, but he deprecated questions and answers.

A declaration with regard to the two-Power standard for the Navy was made in the House of Commons by Mr. Asquith on November 12. Mr. Arthur Lee asked the Prime Minister whether the Government accepted the two-Power standard of naval strength as meaning a preponderance of 10 per cent. over the combined strengths, in capital ships, of the two next strongest Powers; and, if not, could he state the definition of the two-Power standard which was accepted by the Government? Mr. Asquith replied: The answer to the first paragraph of the question is in the affirmative. (Ministerial cheers.)

"This is the first time since the Liberal party came into office" (the London "Daily Telegraph" wrote) "that the Government has committed itself to this precise and exact interpretation of the two-Power standard, which, on the authority of Earl Cawdor, the ex-First Lord of the Admiralty, is the basis on which the Admiralty have in the past calculated the size of the shipbuilding programme from year to year. This standard of strength applies only to battleships; it has always been held by the highest naval authorities that for the due protection of our commerce and mercantile marine—which represents half the world's merchant shipping—an even greater margin in cruisers is necessary for absolute security in case of war against more than one Power. Hitherto representatives of the Government have given pledges in general terms to maintain our supremacy at sea, but have never defined the margin of safety which they consider essential to safety. Mr. Asquith has now set at rest all doubt by accepting, without the slightest equivocation, the definition of Earl Cawdor, and thus a continuation of shipbuilding, as of foreign policy, is apparently assured."

In consequence of some comments by some Liberal journals minimising the effect of Mr. Asquith's declaration by pretending that the fleets of Japan and the United States would not be considered, Mr. Lee returned to the charge on November 23, when he asked the Prime Minister whether the Government, in stating that it would maintain the navy at the strength of the two next strongest Powers in capital ships, plus 10 per cent., meant the two next strongest Powers whichever and wherever. To this Mr. Asquith replied: "Under all existing and foreseeable circumstances I think that is so. (Cheers.) The dominating consideration is to maintain our superiority at sea, and the two-Power standard is a workable formula to that end." (Cheers.)

TURKISH PARLIAMENT.

AN AUSPICIOUS OPENING.

SPEECH BY THE SULTAN.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Sultan of Turkey was loudly cheered to-day while proceeding in the State coach to open Parliament in St. Sophia Square.

The police and military guarded five miles of streets.

Thousands of provincial and Egyptian visitors were present.

Since the proclamation of the Constitution 86,000 exiles have returned.

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The Sultan, in his speech to the Turkish Parliament, said that he was heartily glad to restore the Constitution granted 32 years ago. He profoundly regretted the surprising actions of Bulgaria in declaring her independence, and of Austria-Hungary in annexing Bosnia and Herzegovina, but the Government was now trying to safeguard the nation's rights.

The Sultan promised faithfully to observe and jealously to guard the Constitution.

Enormous crowds enthusiastically cheered the Sultan on entering and leaving the Parliament.

Most of the nations sent messages congratulating the Turkish Parliament on its inauguration.

SPYING ON LEGISLATORS.

INVITATION TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The House of Representatives of the United States invites President Roosevelt to produce evidence justifying his reference to the advisability of Secret Service men being employed to watch members of Congress.

PRESIDENT OF THE DUMA.

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

M. Homiakoff, President of the Russian Duma, who resigned following on angry scenes in that Assembly, has been persuaded to withdraw his resignation.

FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS.

ARTISTS LOOKING AHEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

At the dinner of the Australian Artists' Club, speakers urged that Australian artists should not be overlooked when plans were being considered for decorating the Commonwealth Parliament. It was decided to send a petition on the matter to the Commonwealth Government.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

NEXT SESSION.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Parliament will be prorogued on Monday. The next session will begin on February 16.

ARCHBISHOP OF CAPETOWN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Right Rev. Dr. Carter, Bishop of Pretoria, has accepted the Archbishopric of Capetown, rendered vacant by the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Jones.

The Right Rev. Dr. Carter was educated at Eton and at Pembroke College, Oxford. He was ordained in 1874, and after serving as a curate he was for 11 years, with the exception of a slight intermission at the Eton Mission, Hackney. For another 11 years, from 1891 to 1902, he was Bishop of Zululand, from which he was translated to Pretoria.

N.S.W. RHODES SCHOLAR.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Mr. W. A. Barton, New South Wales, Rhodes scholar, 1904, has gained the Barstow Law Scholarship of the Inns of the Court, of the value of £60, for two years.

Mr. W. A. Barton is a son of Sir Edmund

AUSTRALIAN XI.

SHARE SYSTEM PROBABLE.

BOARD OF CONTROL'S MEETING.

A meeting of the Board of Control was held at the rooms of the N.S.W. Cricket Association yesterday. Mr. G. P. Barbour took the chair at 1 o'clock, and at 4 all the business had been transacted. Dr. L. O. S. Poidevin, the representative of the board in England, was present. At the conclusion of the business it was intimated that a report of the proceedings would this morning be handed to the press for publication.

Though no definite information is available, it is gleaned that everything was satisfactory, which, no doubt, means from the board's and the player's points of view. From this it may be gathered that the players will go to England on the share-and-share-alike system, a small percentage being charged on the net profits, which may be devoted to furnishing the board with funds.

It has been well known that Alderman M'Elhone has been for some time desirous of resigning his position as honorary secretary to the board. The controlling body of Australian cricket has had troublous and laborious times ever since its formation. With the approach of the meeting just over it was again evident that Alderman M'Elhone would like to be relieved of the position, owing to the pressure of business. Leading members of the N.S.W.C.A. have hoped that Alderman M'Elhone would allow himself to be persuaded to continue until all arrangements in connection with the Australian Eleven had been perfected. The despatch of the team in March will be the crowning act of the board's work, and as everything is said to have been accomplished satisfactorily in connection with the meeting, the work of the future will not be so heavy nor so vexatious. It is therefore possible that Alderman M'Elhone will see his way clear to act for the next couple of months, and thus complete what has been one of the greatest works in Australian cricket.

It was expected that the appointment of selectors for the Australian team would create a good deal of discussion. The three who officiated last year when Australia won back "the ashes" from England were Messrs. F. A. Iredale, P. M'Alister, and C. Hill. That they were successful in picking teams to defeat England would naturally be a strong recommendation, though one or two others, such as M. A. Noble and H. Trumble, would have supporters.

A GIGANTIC DEAL.

TAFF VALE RAILWAY PURCHASE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The purchase by the Taff Vale Railway Company of the Rhymney-Cardiff railways and the Bute Docks at Cardiff has been finally agreed to.

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The Taff Vale Railway Company pays £4,445,300 for the Cardiff Docks. Of this amount the Marquis of Bute receives £1,900,000 in shares and cash.

DUBLIN CARTERS' STRIKE.

DISLOCATION OF TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

A strike of carters which has occurred in Dublin has caused such a dislocation of trade that the Shipping Federation has offered the services of 1000 men to unload and deliver cargoes.

The offer is likely to be accepted.

Traders are petitioning for the services of troops at the docks in order to protect imported labourers.

THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, has been elected Chancellor of the new University of Dublin, created under the Irish Universities Act passed this session.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALLERS.

A DOUBLE WIN.

UNION DEFEATS GLAMORGAN.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Australian Rugby Union's team of footballers defeated Glamorgan League by one goal two tries (11 points) to one try (3 points).

Dec. 18.

Heavy rain fell during the match with Glamorganshire, and the ground was a quagmire. In the first half Dix scored a try for the Union, and Carmichael converted it into a goal, making his fiftieth goal of the tour. Glamorgan obtained a try. In the second half Mandible and Row scored tries for the Union.

[The team has played 23 matches, has won 20, and lost three. The next match is against Newport to-day.]

LEAGUE DEFEATS TREHERBERT.

The Australian Rugby League's team defeated Treherbert by two tries (6 points) to one try (3 points).

Dec. 18.

Treherbert, in its match against the League, scored early in the first half, but the try was not converted. Then Devereux and Butler, for the League, obtained tries, both of which Frawley failed to convert. In the second half there was no scoring.

[The League's record is 21 matches played, 13 won, 5 lost, 3 drawn. The next engagement is against Wakefield Trinity.]

A BLOW STRUCK IN PARLIAMENT.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INCIDENT.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Immediately after the Legislative Council adjourned to-night there was a scene on the floor of the House in reference to a pair. Mr. J. Lewis accused Mr. E. Lucas of having paired and then voted, and objected to such "humbug."

Mr. E. Lucas: "You're a humbug."

Mr. J. Lewis: "Put up your fists," and made a movement towards him.

Mr. J. P. Wilson shouted: "What sort of a man are you?"

Mr. J. Lewis (excitedly): "I'm a better man than you are," and made a rush at him.

Mr. F. S. Wallis got in the way and received the blow on his chest.

Mr. J. Lewis: "I'm awfully sorry, old man. You are the last man in the world I would hit, but I want to get at that thing" (shaking his fist at Mr. J. P. Wilson), "He's always poking his nose into everything."

Mr. J. P. Wilson all this time was sheltered behind Mr. F. S. Wallis.

The leader of the Opposition and several of his friends took Mr. Lewis away.

[The above appeared in yesterday's second edition.]

CHRISTMAS APPEALS.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—We desire to appeal to the citizens of this State on behalf of the sick and poor dependent upon the Benevolent Society of New South Wales. At the Christmas season about 2000 women and children will look to the society for food. For nearly a century Christmas has never passed without some special expression from this extensive charity of the people towards the weak and helpless in our midst, and the board of directors earnestly ask for practical sympathy. Every week the society assists hundreds of homes filled with little children, and each one of these cases is subject to special care and oversight by the society's visitors. As you are aware, the work of the Benevolent Society covers not the able-bodied, but the most helpless forms of poverty, and every year about 10,000 poor, mostly children, are relieved.

Beside the distribution of food to the poor, the society has special responsibilities in caring for its patients in the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, and the destitute women and children in the Asylum and Hospital for Infants, Thomas-street, while there is no corner of our State which its beneficent work does not touch. To sustain this noble cause an earnest plea is fittingly made at Christmas on behalf of this foundation charity of Australia, in the interests of many hundreds of little children, with their destitute and friendless mothers.

We are, etc.,
JOHN HARRIS, President.
J. M. SANDY, Hon. Treasurer.

PIRACY AND MURDER.

THRILLING SOUTH SEA ROMANCE.

ASTOUNDING ALLEGATIONS.

PLOT TO SEIZE A BURNS, PHILP SCHOONER.

One of the most sensational tales of the South Seas ever unfolded—a tale full of thrilling allegations, murder, piracy, treachery, and compulsory submission of an accomplice under arms—is to be investigated at Suva, Fiji, in a few weeks, when the central figure of the romance, a man named Mortimer, who has also passed under the name of Taylor, will at last be placed upon his trial.

The main facts connected with this ocean tragedy were published in the "Herald" some months ago, but additional statements of an exciting character, including an alleged plot for the seizure of one of Burns, Philp, and Co.'s vessels, and the murder of the crew, have just come to light. For the first time, therefore, we are able to-day to present a complete account of this great adventure.

A little American schooner, of about 50 tons, named the Neuvre Tigre, flying the Italian flag, and engaged in the coastal trade of Callao, sailed about 12 months ago on a short journey, and according to the statements which are in the hands of the prosecution, as soon as she was out of sight of land, Mortimer, who was employed as the cook of the vessel, planned the murder of both the captain and the mate, and successfully carried out his intention to steal the vessel. He saved a young seaman named Jackson, who also went under the name of Skerritt, and by threatening his life made him an obedient accomplice. The name of the vessel was erased, and the schooner sailed before the wind until at last she reached the Gilbert Islands, where she was wrecked in February on a reef in a lagoon. Neither Mortimer nor his assistant had any knowledge of navigation, and they were ignorant of the locality where their vessel came to grief.

THE STATEMENT OF MR. DUNN.

In view of the approaching trial, the principal witness, Mr. Thomas Frederick Dunn, now employed as the engineer of the new launch Express, owned by the Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Ltd., is about to proceed to Suva, and arrangements were yesterday completed by the authorities for his passage. When the mysterious schooner was lost Mr. Dunn was engineer of the trading schooner Laurel, and was on the scene of the wreck within a quarter of an hour after it happened.

Narrating his experiences last evening, Mr. Dunn said that he had just been informed by Detective Carson that he would be required to give evidence in the case, and Mr. Frankl, the manager of Mort's Dock, had consented to keep his position open for him while he was away.

"Captain Malcolm, the master of the Laurel, was the first to sight the wreck," he said. "We were lying in the Apamama Lagoon, and Captain Malcolm saw the distressed schooner heeling over on a reef.

"On getting alongside, a short, thick-set man of about 24, whose name I subsequently learnt was Mortimer, asked: 'What do you think of this?' I asked him how he got there, and he replied, 'We were going about, and she mis-stayed, and went on to the reef.' He told me that he was from Valparaiso.

"Then I clambered up on board and asked for the skipper. 'I am the captain,' he said. I asked him where were his crew, and pointing to a lad of about 17, he remarked: 'That is the rest of the crew.' By this time I was becoming suspicious, and ventured the opinion that it was remarkable that a vessel of that size should be navigated by two men, and I asked him how he hoisted the sails. He told me that one man could set them easily, and I then informed him that on our schooner, which was about the same size, six men were required to hoist the mainsail.

NO REGISTER, CLEARANCE, OR FLAG.

"I asked him whether the vessel was insured, and he said, 'No.' He also told me that she was not registered, and when I asked what flag he sailed under, he replied, 'No flag at all.' I continued to question him, and he became more and more mysterious. The vessel had no name he told me—never had a name when he bought her—and there was no clearance.

"When I had been conversing with this man for about a quarter of an hour Captain Hendley, the master of the schooner Louise J. Kenny, belonging to Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, came on board, so I left. I told Captain Malcolm of everything that had occurred, and he significantly replied, 'There is something fishy about this, all right.'

EIGHT-DAY CLOCK AS CHRONOMETER.

"The mate of the Laurel asked Mortimer whether he had a chronometer on board, and his reply, which was received with shrieks of laughter, was 'No; but we have an eight-day clock which does not lose a minute a week.' He produced the timepiece as evidence.

"On the following morning the two men, at the invitation of Captain Malcolm breakfasted on board the Laurel, and the conversation naturally was confined to the wreck. Mortimer told the captain that the schooner had originally been named the Puelcho, of Valparaiso; that he had bought her from Mr. Ussbley, of that port; and that he proposed to christen her the White Rose. Captain Malcolm, to whom I had related the conversation of the previous day, winked at me across the breakfast table.

"When the Laurel arrived at Tarawa some time afterwards we heard from Mr. Murdoch, the Assistant Resident British Commissioner in the Gilbert Group, that Mortimer had planned to murder the captain and supercargo of Burns, Philp, and Co.'s schooner Louise J. Kenny, and to seize the vessel. The native magistrate at the Apamama Lagoon became very suspicious concerning Mortimer and his comrade, and, unknown to them, arranged with Captain Hendley, master of the Louise J. Kenny, to convey them to Tarawa, the seat of government. The men were offered a passage as a favour, and accepted.

"During the voyage Mortimer told his comrade that he had planned to seize that ship in place of the one he had lost, and threatened Jackson that if he exposed his hand he would murder him.

THE CONFESSION.

"Jackson, who has turned King's evidence in exposing his shipmate, said that there was a crew of four all told, including the captain, mate, Mortimer, and himself, who was engaged as cabin boy. It was apparent that Mortimer had previously planned to take the ship, for they had not been at sea many hours before he made a bloodthirsty attack on the mate. The mate was attending to some portion of the rigging when the cook, who had secured a tomahawk, crept up behind him and aimed a blow at his head. At that instant the mate moved, and instead of killing him, as was intended, the blade struck his arm, causing a severe wound. The mate then grappled with his assailant, and attempted to wrench the tomahawk from his grasp. Mortimer, however, is a powerful man, and the mate was greatly handicapped with his injured arm. After a desperate struggle, lasting some minutes, he found he was unable to overpower his antagonist, and made a dash for the rigging. Mortimer was taken aback by this move, and the fugitive reached the rigging before he was aware of his intention. Mortimer again rushed at him and made slashes at him with the tomahawk, but the mate by this time had reached a place of safety.

"The commotion brought the captain on deck. Before he could arm himself, however, Mortimer spied him, and leaving the mate in the riggin, at once turned his attention to the captain. Before the captain could get anything with which to defend himself, he was struck on the head with the tomahawk, and rendered unconscious. Mortimer now had full charge of the ship. He hurried to his bunk, and secured a rifle, which he had secreted. After deliberately loading it, he pointed it at the mate, and threatened to shoot him if he did not jump overboard. The mate attempted to pacify the now infuriated man, but without effect, and after arguing for some minutes he took a header from the rigging into the sea. He was seen to rise to the surface, and swim towards the shore, but a few minutes later he disappeared, and was apparently drowned. By this time the captain, who had lain where he was struck down, had recovered consciousness, and Mortimer gave him the option of being shot or jumping overboard. He chose the latter course, and immediately leapt over the rail. Young Jackson, who had been an eye-witness of the terrible deed, took no part in it, and when the captain jumped overboard he threw him a plank. He was unable to say whether the captain managed to secure the plank, but was strongly of the opinion that he did not see it, and was drowned. The vessel was then 14 miles off the coast, and it is extremely improbable that either of the men was saved. Mortimer made Jackson or Skerritt promise to stand by him, and assist him to navigate the vessel. Jackson was afraid that he might meet the fate of his shipmates if he refused, so he at once fell in with the plans of his companions. The cargo of coke was jettisoned, and the name of the vessel was then erased. The elder man said he intended to call her the White Rose, and sail for Australia, where he would dispose of her. The perilous voyage was then commenced. Neither man knew much about navigation, and

DOG FANCIERS AT VARIANCE.

A DISORDERLY MEETING.

"MANAGING THE CANINE WORLD."

JANITOR TURNS OUT LIGHTS.

With a view to bringing about a more satisfactory state of things amongst the various dog fanciers of the State, a meeting was held last evening at the School of Arts, Pitt-street, under the auspices of the Kennel Club of New South Wales.

Mr. Alban Gee, president of the Kennel Club, was elected to the chair. He explained that the meeting had been convened as a result of letters received from the Ladies' Kennel Club and the Sydney Silky and Yorkshire Terrier Club. Both letters directed attention to the unsettled state of the dog world, and requested that a public meeting of fanciers be called to terminate the present unsatisfactory conditions. Mr. Gee stated that the Kennel Club had decided to accede to the request. There was no doubt that they were a very unhappy family, but he hoped the meeting would in a kindly spirit devise some plan to overcome the trouble, and have them again a united body. He had no feeling against the specialists' clubs, and the Kennel Club had no wish to arrogate to itself absolute powers. (Dissent.)

Mr. Lewis Jones stated that there were several disqualified persons in the room, and asked if they could vote on any resolutions.

Mr. J. Harrison: I'm a disqualified person, and——

The Chairman: I want to make it clear——

Mr. Harrison: You can't make it clear, if you make enemies straight away. (Order, order.)

The Chairman: I am only here as the chairman of this meeting, and not as the president of the Kennel Club.

Mr. Harrison: Many members were disqualified for nothing. (Cries of "Order" and "Chair.")

Mr. R. Hardman: I appeal to those present to support the chair. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. W. M'Millan moved,—"That this meeting has no confidence in the Kennel Club as the governing body. (Cheers and disorder.)

Mr. J. Harrison seconded the motion.

Mr. C. Tayler: If this is passed it will be a slap in the eye to the Kennel Club.

A voice: Which they richly deserve. (Cheers and dissent.)

Mr. Tayler: This meeting should formulate some scheme satisfactory to all the breeders, and see that a governing body is chosen in which all breeders could have confidence. (Hear, hear.) I hope the motion will be withdrawn.

After several fanciers had attempted to discuss the question of disqualification by the Kennel Club, and were ruled out of order,

Mr. E. A. Lamb rose to support the motion. He read extracts dealing with the powers of the Kennel Club.

A Voice: I propose the vote be now taken.

Cries of dissent and "gag."

Several jumped to their feet in protest, and when order was restored, Mr. Lamb stated that the Newcastle show was held under the Queensland Kennel Club rules.

A Voice: They did not. (Cries of "Did," "Did not," "Chair," and "Order.")

Mr. Lamb, continuing, said that a certain notice was inserted in the "Herald" too late for his show. The Kennel Club has made a mess of things. He gave a list of names of gentlemen who he held should form the governing body. (Cries of "Oh, oh," and more disorder.)

Mr. White moved, as an amendment,—"That this meeting form itself into a committee to formulate some scheme for the better management of the canine world."

Mr. Alison seconded the amendment.

Mr. A. H. Cunningham contended that specialist clubs were necessary, but all fanciers should join the Kennel Club.

Mr. Harrison said something inaudible.

The Chairman: This is almost a taproom. Mr. Harrison should have sufficient education if he had not sufficient manners, to address the chair. (Disorder.)

Mr. Harrison: I apologise for speaking across the table. I am not against the Kennel Club, but against the administration of the Kennel Club. I am smarting under my disqualification. The disqualification was wrong. ("Question," and further disorder.)

Mr. Palmer: There should be one governing body which should rule without fear or favour. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Arthur Albert: I go to Northern Queensland, and to Southern Victoria, and the bickerings of the dog world here are the subject of discussion in all the States. Fanciers don't know which is the head body. If they send to Newcastle they get disqualified. (Laughter.) Thanks for your laughter. One pig at a time. (Laughter, and disorder.)

Mr. Alison suggested that the trouble could be obviated by all the clubs sending representatives to a governing body. The whole trouble arose through outsiders having an axe to grind. (Uproar.)

Mr. F. M'William rose to propose a further amendment, when the chairman's attention was attracted by a member leaning across and whispering to him.

Mr. M'William: I'm speaking to you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Dyson: That is the usual way the Kennel Club treats us. (Cries of "Hear, hear," and disorder.)

The Chairman: I will not remain here to be insulted by people who should know better. If a man insulted me outside he would get something.

Mr. Gee then left the chair amid a scene of wild excitement.

After further disorder, in which several people spoke at once, Mr. Dyson withdrew the remark. Mr. Gee was repeatedly requested to again take the chair, but refused.

Mr. M'William: I regret that I said that about the chairman not listening, and I ask Mr. Gee to again preside. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Gee having again declined, several people spoke, and disorder prevailed for some minutes.

Mr. Goodwin proposed a "lady chairman" amid cheers and laughter.

Mr. Hardman suggested that each gentleman be allowed three minutes to ventilate his grievances and blow off steam.

A voice: It would take years. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. M'Millan: I propose that Mr. J. J. Smith take the chair. (Cheers.) This was seconded, and a vote being called for, a majority held up their hands.

Mr. Griffen: Are you running this meeting? I propose Mr. Hardman as chairman.

After cheers and counter cheers, Mr. Griffen announced his motion as carried. The president and secretary of the Kennel Club then gathered up their papers and withdrew from the meeting. The subject of a new chairman was noisily debated. Several ladies and gentlemen left the room.

A loud voice: The bulldogs have got amongst the terriers.

There were more cheers and laughter and disorder, in the midst of which the School of Arts attendant came in and put out the lights.

The argument was continued in darkness for a while, and then impromptu meetings were held in Pitt-street. Numerous groups discussed the situation. But the attempt to pour oil on the troubled waters failed dismally. The breach between the Kennel Club and the specialist societies has been widened—perhaps irrevocably.

A FEDERAL CAMP.

VISITORS TO CAPITAL SITE.

THE MINISTER'S PROJECT.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Prior to the prorogation of the Federal Parliament, a question was asked in the House of Representatives whether members would have a chance of paying a visit to the site selected by the surveyors for the Federal capital. The Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Mahon) then replied that he did not think matters would be far enough advanced in the recess to enable this to be done. He has now under consideration a proposal to establish a camp in the Yass-Canberra district, which will remain as the headquarters for visitors for about a month. He is ascertaining the opinions of members on the subject. The Government of New South Wales will be asked to make available the services of Mr. Scrivener, of the survey staff, to first provide a topographical survey. This will take several months; but Mr. Mahon hopes that by the end of February he will have sufficient data to hand upon which a spot can be chosen that will be convenient to most of the eligible sites. The legislators will then be able to select their own time for the outing. They will sleep and dine at the camp, and be driven in parties to the various localities.

A DIVIDED FIRE BRIGADE.

DISBANDED BY BOARD.

GOULBURN, Friday.

The Goulburn Fire Brigade has for some time been in an unsatisfactory state, being divided into two parties. To meet the situation the board decided to frame new rules; but some of the men objected to sign these. The board then determined to disband the brigade, and form a new one, and the necessary steps are being taken. The men formerly had the privilege of submitting to the board names for appointment as officers and firemen; but the board, thinking the provision militated against the satisfactory working of the board, withdrew it; and the making of all appointments now rests with the board. Some of the members of the brigade resented the

THE ARMIDALE TRAGEDY.

THE FIRST DISCOVERY.

A SHOCKING SPECTACLE.

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ARMIDALE, Friday.

The inquest on the body of Hannah Kelly was resumed at 10 o'clock this morning. Superintendent Cameron appeared for the Crown; and Mr. D. P. Claverie for Agnes Sophy O'Leary, who has been charged upon suspicion of the murder. The court was crowded.

Harold Bathurst Upton said he was a commission agent, residing at the Central Hotel. He slept upstairs in room No. 15.

The Coroner advised Mr. Cameron to let witness tell his own story.

Witness said that very early on Sunday morning he was wakened by a scream. He did not get up for a few seconds. He did not know exactly what the noise was. He heard moans and exclamations, "Oh! oh!" Looking over the balcony down towards the dining-room door he saw the lower half of a person approaching from near the dining-room door. He saw immediately afterwards it was a woman. Miss O'Leary then came full into view. Witness called, "What is the matter?" She replied, "Oh, open the door." Something was said about the dining-room. Witness could not say what. Witness repeated, "What's the matter?" She replied, "Hannah has broken another blood vessel." Witness then rushed along the balcony into the house, and downstairs. Mr. Frost passed along the corridor at the bottom. Mr. Frost wrenched the back door open. Witness rushed out to the two girls' bedroom. The door was open. It was No. 16. There was a terrible gurgling, gasping noise. Daylight was just leaking through the window. There was light enough to see Miss Kelly lying on the bed gasping and waving her hands. Witness reached the middle of the room, and paused. Miss Kelly seemed to be all red with blood. Witness himself was standing in his bare feet in some soppy stuff; he did not then know what it was. That was about 3ft away from Miss Kelly. Witness was alone in the room. He turned and rushed out of it. He called out to some men he saw on the balcony opposite, "Hannah has broken a blood vessel." Witness, rushing into the hall, met Mrs. Swain, the landlady, who was just coming out. He said, "Oh, don't go in there, the sight is too dreadful." Witness called out that they should ring up a doctor, and Mr. Frost did so.

Witness followed Mrs. Swain again into the bedroom up to the bedside. Mrs. Swain said, "I wish there was a doctor here." Witness ran back to the telephone. Mr. Frost was still there. Witness told him to ring up Dr. Harris, and then went upstairs, and told Mr. Huxham that Hannah had burst a blood-vessel. When he got downstairs again he met Mrs. Swain. She said, "Oh, my God, the girl's throat's cut." Witness followed her back to the room, together with Mr. Huxham. Mrs. Swain pointed out with her finger a dark mark on the throat. Witness then rang up the police, and shortly after the police and doctors arrived. Before they came Mr. Huxham stationed himself at the door of No. 16.

To the Coroner: Mrs. Swain had a candle in her hand the first time she entered the room, but not when she pointed to the dark mark. He did not notice the blind on the window. He only noticed the light.

To Mr. Cameron: He heard one solitary scream—only one. He could not say if it were Miss Kelly or Miss O'Leary. He saw Miss O'Leary very shortly after. She was not screaming then. Her dress seemed whitish. Witness could not see the details as she came into the door. He could see she had a grey coat on. She was clothed in white from head to foot. Witness noticed distinctly that the lower part of her dress was white. He did not see a maroon skirt tucked up. He had not noticed where the blood came from. He never felt the warm blood spurting on to his feet. He did feel the wet under his feet. He saw no blood running, only one red mass. He did not assist her. The horror was so great he turned and fled. He did not speak to her. She was still alive, because she was making a noise, and there was a terrible look in her eyes. She was alive the second time witness ran into the room, and the third time, that was four or five minutes later. It was about half an hour before he knew he had been standing in blood.

Witness, continuing, said he knew Miss O'Leary slightly. He had heard her voice that night. He had not kept company with her or with Miss Kelly. He had never been inside No. 16 bedroom. He had been to the door. He knew nothing about the two girls. On Saturday night he saw Mr. Frost on the back verandah, from which Miss O'Leary's voice was coming. There were other voices there. He had not seen anyone courting Miss O'Leary, but he had seen her talking at odd times to Mr. Frost. No one to witness's knowledge came to his room that night after he went to bed. Witness had on a soft shirt. He put his trousers on when he heard the scream.

The Foreman of the Jury: We should like to know whether the voices you heard on the verandah were friendly.

Witness said they were. He could not remember Mrs. Swain pulling the window down. He saw Mrs. Swain catch hold of the girl's hand.

To Mr. Cameron: When he heard the scream he did not think of either girl.

To Mr. D. P. Claverie: A woman went out of No. 16. Frost's room would be the nearest one in which a man slept. Miss O'Leary was coming from that direction. As the house door was opened, and Miss O'Leary rushed in, she went in the direction of Mrs. Swain's room.

Mr. Claverie: I want to know distinctly what you said. Was it that Miss O'Leary's dress was white from the knee down?

Witness: Yes.

Robert Thomas Monro, a clerk residing at the Central Hotel, said he was awakened by Harold Upton's shout of "What's the matter?" A woman's voice said, "For God's sake get the key of the dining-room." He did not know whose voice this was. Witness looked at his clock. It was 4.10. He stood in his door, and went back to his room. He had known the two girls. He had seen Hannah Kelly in the company of Sweeney, and Agnes O'Leary sitting about with Frost. He had seen no one else with either girls.

The next witness, Clement Charles Frost, said he was a telegraph line repairer, and lived at the Central Hotel. He was a widower. His room was on the ground floor. He was with Miss Kelly, Miss O'Leary, and Sweeney on Saturday night.

The Coroner strongly protested against Mr. Cameron putting leading questions to the witness.

Witness continued that they were sitting on the back verandah. Kelly said something about a blind. He could not say what the conversation was.

The Coroner: Did you hear any remark made about a blind?

Witness said he heard a remark about a blind, but did not know what it was. On the morning of the murder he was awakened by a loud rattling on his window. He made some sort of an answer. Someone called out to get up and open the back door. He got up. The voice said, "I want to call Mrs. Swain. Poor Hannah is dying; she has burst a blood vessel." Witness went down and opened the door, and Miss O'Leary came in.

The Coroner: How was she dressed?

Witness said she had on a grey coat. Below the coat he could not say for certain, but thought the clothes showed white. She went towards Mrs. Swain's room. Witness rang up both doctors.

To Mr. Cameron: He thought it was Kelly that spoke about the blind.

The Coroner: You must not cross-examine your own witness.

Mr. Cameron: He is not my witness.

The Coroner: He is a Crown witness.

To Mr. Cameron: There were several others there during the time they were sitting on the verandah. They were there from 9.30 to 11. He heard next morning about a ring having been given to Miss Kelly by Sweeney. Witness was not courting Miss O'Leary, but was on friendly terms. He had known her six weeks. The first time he saw O'Leary on the night of the tragedy she was not wearing a maroon skirt. When he saw her about half an hour later she was wearing it. He never noticed any blood about her.

Witness asked to be allowed to make a correction. Miss O'Leary might have had the maroon skirt on when first he saw her, but all he saw below the coat was white. Witness heard no screaming.

To the Coroner: It was about 15 or 20 yards from his room to No. 16.

To Mr. Claverie: He was not on intimate terms with Miss O'Leary.

The next witness, Alice Court, said she was a servant, not now in employment. About a month ago she was in the hospital. Agnes O'Leary brought her a nightdress there, and gave it her. Witness lost the nightdress, and sent her back one of her own.

A nightdress was produced in court by the police, and handed to witness.

She recognised it as the one she sent back. Witness said she sent it last Thursday or Friday. Witness said she wrote to Agnes O'Leary at the same time, telling her she was sending it, and why. A letter produced in court by the police was the one she wrote.

Witness said she had known Agnes O'Leary

for three months, and had slept in the same room with her for three weeks. Agnes was a light sleeper.

Mr. Claverie objected to Mr. Cameron asking leading questions.

The Coroner: You must not stuff the witness.

Witness said that Miss O'Leary used to wear a nightdress.

To Mr. Claverie: Miss O'Leary lent her a nightdress with a frill on, and Miss M'Mahon lent her another with Torchon lace. Rosie and Alice Biffin had brought her down some clothes of her own. Witness did not know Miss O'Leary before she went to the Central Hotel. It might have been a little less than three months that she had known her. Miss O'Leary had written asking her to return her underclothing, but witness burned the letter the day she got it. She simply asked witness for the nightdress, as she wanted it. Jack Haden, the butcher boy, brought her that note. Witness used to sleep in No. 16. Miss Kelly took her place there.

Mr. Cameron: Was Miss O'Leary a jolly girl?

Witness: No; she was a staid girl.

Mrs. Swain, recalled, said she slept downstairs in No. 18. One of her little sons was in the room. After she shook hands with deceased she found blood left on her hands. She thought that Miss O'Leary was wearing a grey jacket and a maroon skirt. The first time O'Leary only came to the door of witness's room, but after Hannah died one of the girls asked where Agnes could go to change her clothes. Witness allowed her to go to her room to change her clothes. Witness saw her washing her hands and feet, and when she came out of witness's room she had on a dark maroon velvet dress. This was not the same as the maroon skirt. The maroon skirt produced in court was the one O'Leary was wearing at first, and which she left hanging up in witness's room. When witness first saw her the maroon skirt was not fastened. She was holding it loosely round her waist. Witness wished to alter her former evidence in one respect. She had said that when she took a candle in to No. 16 and found deceased's throat cut, Miss O'Leary was not in the room. She now remembered that O'Leary was in the room, and told her that a man had jumped through the window. That was the first mention of the man. According to witness's evidence, nothing had been said about the man until O'Leary told her in the pantry ten minutes later.

At this point Mr. Claverie again strongly objected to the leading of the witness.

Witness, explaining, said the first time she went into No. 16 O'Leary was not in the room, but the second time, when witness went to the room and discovered deceased's throat was cut, O'Leary came in and told witness of the man.

Witness, continuing, said that Agnes O'Leary then went to the pantry and sat down, and witness could hear her asking the servants for her clothes. Witness told the servants she could change in witness's room, but witness could not say what clothes she took off. Witness only found the skirt in her room afterwards. No nightdres was left in witness's room, though she looked for it. Agnes O'Leary was a hasty-tempered girl.

To Mr. Claverie: The eiderdown quilt was picked up by Agnes from underneath the window. That was a minute or two after witness had discovered the girl was murdered. The candle was being blown about by the wind. Rusden and Jessie streets were very dusty.

Charles Herbert Topham said he was a mining agent, and lived at the Central Hotel. He was awakened on Sunday morning by hearing a cry of "Open the dining-room door." Upton rushed downstairs, and then came up and said to witness, "Poor Hannah has broken a blood-vessel." That was after 4 a.m. Between 1 and 3 o'clock that morning witness heard a stealthy creeping up the back stairs, as if someone was walking very quietly.

The Coroner: Did it sound like footsteps?—Yes, undoubtedly.

Continuing, witness said he attached no importance to it at the time.

Johanna Nay, laundress, said that last Saturday she put some rags under the copper and burned them. The sergeant asked her if she had burned anything out of the room. She thought he meant the room in which the murder took place, and said no. The sergeant took possession of the rags. Witness afterwards, finding her mistake, went to him and told him. Witness had shown the sergeant a nightdress hanging over the laundry door. Miss O'Leary washed it last Saturday, when witness was washing. The rags under the copper had nothing to do with Miss O'Leary, but belonged to Miss Biffin. Witness did not know how many nightdresses Miss O'Leary had. Witness searched room No. 16, but found no soiled underclothing belonging to Miss O'Leary.

Superintendent Cameron stated that the pocket-knife had been examined in Sydney, and no blood had been found on it; also that no blood was in the ashes. The superintendent also asked for an adjournment to enable the police to look into the matter, and find if any other person was involved in it.

Constable Coleman said that on Sunday morning, about 5 o'clock, he overhauled a man named Edward Roser near the railway station. He was dressed in a dark tweed suit with light check running through it. He said he came from down the town, and was employed by a Mr. Sattler cherry-picking, and was going to Toowoomba to his wife. Witness had heard the story of a man running down the street towards the railway. The description was like that of the man he saw. Witness afterwards found the story he told was true.

Cross-examined, witness said the train did not start till 6 o'clock. Witness had often known men who did not know the time run in that way.

Mr. Claverie asked that the table cover which had been said by the doctor to have a stain on it might be produced in court next day.

The Court was then adjourned until 9.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Agnes O'Leary was afterwards taken before Mr. E. M. Cohen, J.P., in the police court, and remanded until 9.30 a.m. on Saturday.

ISLAND MURDERS.

NEWS BY THE MORESBY.

BRISBANE, Friday.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s steamer Moresby arrived at Pinkenba this morning from Cairns, via New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. The vessel brought news of the death on December 12 of the Rev. Dr. Welchman, one of the oldest missionaries in the Melanesian Mission at the Solomon Islands.

News was also brought that the Government steamer Belamba arrived at Tulagi from Sydney, via Brisbane, on December 8, having made a fairly good passage.

Mr. T. J. Barnett, Assistant Commissioner for the Solomon Islands, is a passenger by the Moresby, en route to Sydney, on six weeks' holiday. Mr. H. Mahaffy, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and stationed at Fiji, is also a passenger, proceeding to Sydney.

Dr. Deck, who has been with the schooner Evangel on some of her cruises along the Malaita Island, was interviewed on the Moresby. He said that native murders are still being committed in Malaita; but it was hoped, now that the Government steamer had arrived, that a stop would be put to them. Dr. Deck, who has a sister missionary on the small island of Kwai, stated that a bush native was recently murdered by coast boys. It appears that a native from the bush had come down to the sea to fish, and while engaged in that occupation was attacked by coast boys, and speared to death.

The old chief at Bedimanuu, who has been a heathen in his time, has adopted the Christian faith, and it is expected that he will exercise a powerful influence in spreading Christianity.

THE POSTAL COMMISSION.

HOBART, Friday.

The Postal Commission met to-day. Mr. Whillan, Electrical Engineer for Tasmania, was further examined. He favoured the employment of cadets in the electrical branch, believing that such a system would be the means of lessening the scarcity of efficient men in that department of the service.

Frank P. Bowden, manager, Telegraph and Telephone Department, was next called. He advocated an increase in the telegraph and telephone charges, and urged that if such a step were decided upon, consideration should be given to the advisability of decreasing the charges for extra words. At the present the charge for the first 16 words within the State was roughly a half-penny per word, and a penny for every extra word. He considered that if extra words were charged on a sliding scale, decreasing with the length of message, the public would be encouraged to send more lengthy messages He deprecated the system of employing temporary officials, contending that the efficiency of the work of the department was adversely affected thereby. In dealing with the matter of organisation, he said provision might, with advantage, be made for the summary punishment of minor offences by the chief officer of the department without the necessity of laying a charge.

In reply to Mr. Webster, witness said that the number of telegraphic messages dealt with in Tasmania in 1902, was 69,000. In 1907 it was 572,655. Notwithstanding this increase, the number of operators at Hobart was the same to-day as it was then. Witness, in explaining this, said that the department was overmanned to the extent of 50 per cent. in former years. He did not consider telegraphists were overworked at the present time.

STATE SESSION ENDED.

MR. WADE'S GOOD WISHES.

LABOUR'S DISCORDANT NOTE.

"THINGS WE CANNOT EASILY FORGET."

On the motion for the adjournment of the House last night, the usual courtesies were exchanged between the Government and the Opposition.

The Premier said: Now that the session is ended I beg to extend my best wishes for the enjoyment of the recess to all members of the House. I think we can fairly congratulate ourselves on having passed a fair amount of legislation, which I hope will benefit the community as a whole. The vigorous opposition which has characterised the debates I think is the best indication of a healthy and virile Parliament. We have had a strenuous session in many respects. But our principles have been discussed and defended, and we can now part without any feelings of resentment. It is a matter for congratulation that there is strong and strenuous opposition on all questions of principle. In that opposition we have the great safety valve which makes for good government. Its absence might lead to disastrous consequences. There may have been unpleasant incidents. But they were to be expected in a long and arduous session. I hope members will reciprocate my good wishes and leave the House without any tinge of bitterness. In saying good-bye, I extend, on behalf of the Government, the hand of good-fellowship, and hope all will return with new vigour for the work of next session. I also wish to thank the Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, and the officers of the House for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the arduous duties of the session.

Mr. M'Gowen: I join heartily with the Premier in wishing every member the compliments of the season. And in doing so I have gone as far as can be reasonably expected. That we have had a trying session everyone acknowledges. We on this side have felt the grip of the majority, and have complained about it. We still think that we have good reason to complain. We have not received this session that consideration that the Opposition has received in the past. I cannot join with the Premier in saying that we have had a really good session. With the best of intentions in the hearts of all of us to let bygones be bygones, we feel that some of the scenes of the last six months cannot be easily forgotten. But I wish to the most severe of my political opponents the compliments of the season. To the Speaker, Chairman of Committees, and the officers of the House I offer the same cordial good wishes. The decisions of the Speaker and the Chairman have been invariably against us. But they are largely the victims of their political environment, and I well knew had no desire to act unfairly. That they had discharged their duties conscientiously I readily acknowledge.

Mr. D. Storey added his quota to the complimentary expressions, and wished members the compliments of the season. If the Premier took the position of Chief Justice he would fill the position with distinction. It was his unbounded right.

Mr. M'Neill: What are you after? (Laughter.)

Mr. D. Storey said he was after nothing. Everybody believed that Mr. Wade was the proper man to succeed Sir Frederick Darley.

Mr. M'Laurin said in the absence of the leader of the Progressive Democrats—(loud laughter)—he wished members the compliments of the season.

SUPPOSED MURDER.

BODY IN A RIVER.

A GHASTLY FIND.

WEE WAA, Friday.

At 8 o'clock this morning a lad named Brunner reported to his employer, Mr. W. C. Cormie, Honeysuckle Point, Wee Waa, that he had seen what looked like the body of a woman snagged on the river bank near his residence. Mr. Cormie reported the matter to the police.

Sergeant Sheridan and Constable Regan went to the scene, and found the body just out of the water on the bank. It was tied with straps to the brakeblock iron of a waggon, the straps being fastened round the legs, body, and shoulders. The body was in an advanced stage of decomposition. The head was almost denuded of flesh. In the top of the skull was a hole an inch and a quarter in diameter, and behind the ear another abrasion.

Dr. Willis, who was called to view the body, gave it as his opinion that a ghastly murder had been done, the wounds having evidently been inflicted by a hammer or like instrument. On investigating he found that the body was that of a man, not a woman as at first supposed. It had nothing but a blue shirt on, and had apparently been dead about six weeks, judging by the appearance of the body. It had evidently floated downstream with the late fresh, and got snagged at the place where found.

The police took the head with its horrible wound, and covered up the body on the bank, pending the arrival of the police magistrate.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

COMPLETING RAT-PROOF WALL.

DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

While the Loan Bill was before the Legislative Council yesterday Mr. Fosbery adverted to the necessity of completing the rat-proof sea wall in Darling Harbour. The work, he said, was still incomplete, and while a weak spot was allowed to remain there would always exist a liability to a recurrence of bubonic plague. He had it on good authority that the Treasurer was not going to provide funds this year for the completion of the sea wall. During the last two or three days an infected rat had been discovered.

Sir Normand MacLaurin said he regretted that the Government had not completed this extremely important work. As things were now there was every reason to expect that there would be another outbreak of bubonic plague in the month of January or February, and this would be entirely avoided if steps were taken to complete the sea wall on the eastern side of Darling Harbour.

Mr. T. Hughes said that upwards of seven years ago an assurance was given to the people of Sydney and the electors of the State as a justification for the resumption of the Darling Harbour foreshores that prompt steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence of the plague. Year after year had gone by, and no real work had been done at these wharfs except for purely commercial purposes, which the Harbour Trust found it to their interest to carry out. Consequently the public had been misled as to the completion of the rat-proof sea wall, and what had already been done was comparatively useless. Certain wharfs remained hotbeds of disease, and with systematic regularity rats were found carrying the germs of the disease. This had gone on from year to year, and he thought the time had come when there could be no longer any reasonable excuse for delaying the completion of the work. The expenditure required now would be small, and in the interests of the public health the sea wall should be completed without delay.

Mr. Farleigh said he heard with alarm the statement of Mr. Fosbery, as he with the rest of the public was under the impression that the work referred to was completed.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council said that a sufficient sum had been placed in the hands of the Harbour Trust for the current financial year to enable that body to complete the rat-proof sea wall, and the work had been going on steadily.

Mr. Fosbery said he had it on undoubted authority that it was not the intention of the Treasurer to provide funds to go on with the completion of this work. He therefore asked the representative of the Government to make further inquiry in order that the public should have an assurance that the work was not to be discontinued during the currency of the present financial year.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council: I quite sympathise with hon. members as to the necessity of completing the work, and as far as I am concerned it shall be done. (Hear, hear.)

THE DAVIS CUP.

PROFITS OF THE MATCH.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The official balance-sheet in connection with the recent international match between Australasia and America for the Davis Cup shows the total amount derived from the sale of admission tickets was £1202 0s 6d. The total expenditure was £268 13s. This leaves £933 7s 6d to be divided equally between the American and Australasian associations. From the Australasian share the following items have to be deducted:—Gifts to American players, £5; cost of international dinner, £42 2s 6d; leaving a balance of £419 11s 3d, of which the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria will receive 10 per cent. (about £42) for the use of its courts. The United States National Lawn Tennis Association will thus receive an amount which should cover the expenses of the team sent to Australia, and as a larger profit must have been made on the preliminary match against the British Isles (which was witnessed by 17,000 people during the three days), there should be no financial difficulty about sending over another team next year.

PATHETIC SUICIDE.

GIRL SHOOTS HERSELF.

PITIFUL LETTERS.

Mr. Stephen Murphy, Acting City Coroner, conducted an inquest yesterday concerning the death of Lily May Moss, 21, a domestic servant, lately living in Regent-street, Redfern, who died at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on December 11 from the effects of a bullet wound in the abdomen.

Henry Brandtman, a printer, said that at about 10 o'clock on the evening of November 27 he was walking along Pitt-street, Redfern, when he heard a report, and saw a young woman's dress burst into flames about 15 yards away from him. He ran over and extinguished the flames, and the girl, who was wounded in the abdomen, kept calling out, "Percy; I want Percy." Witness found a revolver on the ground close by. He informed the police and Civil Ambulance, and the latter took her to the hospital.

Other evidence showed that deceased, in reply to a question as to whether she had any trouble, said: "Only Percy. I love him. He told me lies, and deceived me."

A letter was found in deceased's clothing addressed to her father. It ran:—

Sydney, Nov 27, '08.—My dear father,—I am writing to say that I am tired of life, and I am going to shoot myself. I have been walking with a young fellow on the railway for twelve months. I could not help going wrong with him, Dad, I love him so much. He must be tired of me now, because he never comes to see me, or take me out, as he used to say he thought the world of me, and would never have any other girl but me, and I believed him. Oh, Dad, my heart is breaking, and I don't want to live. All I regret is that I am causing you pain and sorrow, my darling father, but I hope God will not judge me harshly, and we will meet in heaven. Dad, I have sinned, and I must pay the penalty, but I thought he would never leave me, and I have always been a good girl until I met Percy Holman, and God will punish him one day for wronging me. Do not fret too much, Daddy; I will not rest if you are fretting. I will be with little Tom in heaven, and kiss dear little Archie a hundred times for me. May God bless all my brothers, and mother and father, and keep them from temptation. I hope God will forgive me my great sin. Say good-bye to all the boys and my dear mother for me, Dad, and tell them not to grieve for me too much, for I will be better off. And now good-bye, my darling father, and God bless you always.—From your broken-hearted daughter, Lily.

Another letter was produced, which the father of the deceased testified was in her handwriting. This read:—

Dear Perce,—I am writing this to my good-bye to you. I don't want to live now you are tired of me. I am not mad or deranged, as you said the other night, but my heart is breaking. When I think of how you used to say you loved me, and we would be married some day. I would have waited years for you, Perce, if you had not grown tired of me. I suppose you have found some other girl. Do not treat her as you have treated me. You used to be good to me, but not since we came to Sydney. I hope you will be happy with the girl you marry. I have prayed for you every night since we first met, and I always used to be a good girl for your sake. I know you are a good boy, but you have wronged me cruelly. You robbed me of my life and soul. I know it was wrong for me to tell you that lie, but it was all because I loved you so much. I intended to tell you the difference. When I am dead you will know how much I cared for you, Perce; but it was my life and soul to me. You never could have loved me. I am going to ask one last favour from you. Get my prayer-book and fur rug, and send this to my father. I don't care what becomes of my boxes. People will say I am mad, but I am not. I have been staying at this boarding house since Monday. I would shoot myself if you left me, Perce, but you did not believe me, I suppose. You thought I did not care that much for you, but you will surely know when you read this that I would have shed my heart's blood to save you pain or sorrow. I know you must have some other girl now, and I cannot bear to think of you loving any other girl. And now, Perce, darling Perce, good-bye, and God bless you and keep you from harm, and may your life be always happy is the sincere and earnest prayer of yours in life and death.—L. M. Moss.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of suicide.

THE BARRIER TROUBLE.

PROPRIETARY COMPANY'S PROPOSALS.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

Mr. Delprat, general manager of the Proprietary Company, and Mr. Barnett, secretary of the combined unions, returned to Broken Hill to-day from Port Pirie, but neither would say anything with regard to the Port Pirie conference or the industrial position. A conference will be held at the Trades Hall to-night between Mr. Delprat and the combined unions; but it is not expected that the meeting will have any definite result. It is almost certain that the unions will shortly appeal to the Arbitration Court for a direct award.

A meeting of the A.M.A. has been called for Sunday afternoon for the purpose of considering that proposed action. Already a good deal of evidence has been collected for presentation to the Court with regard to the operation of the contract system and rates of pay, the cost of living, rents, and living conditions.

A conference to-night between Mr. Delprat and delegates of the combined unions was held at the Trades Hall. Mr. Delprat occupied the chair and Mr. Gamboni the vice-chair. The questions of wages, etc, were lengthily discussed. Mr. Delprat offered the delegates either of two things:—(1) The old rates antecedent to the present agreement, and a sliding scale; or (2) the old rate with a sliding scale on profits, to be determined quarterly.

The delegates, after an exhaustive debate, said they could not see their way clear to recommend either of the proposals to their unions but expressed the hope that the Proprietary Company would be able to continue working under the terms of the existing agreement.

In reply Mr. Delprat said he would place the views of the delegates before his board in as favourable a light as possible. The board would consider the matter, and he would communicate the decision arrived at as speedily as possible.

The proceedings were conducted were amicably, but the delegates seemed very determined in their attitude against any reduction of wages. Messrs. Barnett and Mitchell acted as secretaries.

EXPLOSION AT A MINE.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

HERBERTON, Friday.

A mining accident occurred this evening The horizontal boiler at the Great Northern mine blew up and wrecked the buildings. Part of the boiler tore through the timber and was found 200yds away. William Cocking, the engine driver, had a miraculous escape. He walked to the shaft to answer a knock and speak below when a terrible shock was felt, and he was thrown over the mullock. He was found to be suffering from a bruised and cut head, but his injuries were not serious. Pipes and iron were scattered over a distance of 100yds. Bricks were sent flying down the shaft. The men working at the 200ft level were uninjured.

ALLEGED EDUCATION DISABILITIES

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMPLAINTS.

ATTACK ON TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

Speaking at the breaking-up of the Sacred Heart Catholic School last evening, Bishop Dunne said the Catholic people were subject to disabilities, which injustice they should not have to suffer. They were unable conscientiously to take advantage of the State system of education, to the cost of which they had to contribute, and were obliged to be at the considerable cost of maintaining their own schools and educating their own children. In Broken Hill they had upwards of 1200 children in their primary schools. These irregularities and injustices did not tend to promote a love of country in the children of Roman Catholic schools. They were bound to become resentful when they realised that they were deprived of a portion of the public funds that should be expended on their education. If the Roman Catholic schools were to receive their fair proportion of the Government money granted for educational purposes, they in Broken Hill would be entitled to £3000 a year. How could the State expect Catholics to feel patriotic if they were deprived of their rights? Broken Hill had a fine technical college, which was an immense boon to the young people of the city, but again there was the disability with regard to Roman Catholic children. If any children from the Sacred Heart schools wished to avail themselves of the advantages of the college, would they be received on the same liberal terms as were the children from hte public schools? They would be obliged to pay their money. How could Roman Catholic children be expected to display that loyalty to their native land which would ever be the outcome of a truly generous Roman Catholic education? They must live in hope that the day would come when their conscientious objections to such a state of things would be recognised and the cause of discontent removed. All they asked for was fair play.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

In the Western Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Local cherries, 3/ to 4/ per half-case; peaches, 4/ to 8/ per case; ditto, 2/6 to 3/ per tray; cherry plums, 5/ to 6/ per case; loquats, 1/6 to 2/6 ditto; tomatoes, 11/ to 12/ ditto; strawberries, /4 to /7 per lb; gooseberries, /1 to /2 ditto; red currants, /1½ to /2 ditto; apricots, 4/6 to 7/6 per case; Mildura oranges, 13/ to 15/ per case; apricots, 3/ to 4/ per half-case; tomatoes, 4/ to 4/6 per case; Tasmanian apples, eating, 10/ to 11/ per case; ditto, cooking, 9/ to 11/ ditto; New South Wales oranges, 12/ to 15/ ditto; Queensland pines, 10/ to 12/ per double case; bananas, 14/ to 16/ ditto; ditto, 3/6 to 4/ per mouth; Italian lemons, 27/6 to 30/ per double case.

SQUATTER AND GOVERNESS.

CLAIM FOR DIVORCE.

JUDGE IN A DILEMMA.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

At the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Homburg, the hearing was continued in the case of James Frederick Maslin, of Bundaleer, who is petitioning for the dissolution of his marriage with Christina Maslin, on the ground of alleged impropriety with Michael Brown, who is joined as co-respondent. Petitioner was further examined.

Richard Ambrose Hutchens, a farmer at Currency Creek, said he knew Mrs. Maslin and Brown. They worked on his farm as "Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown," and occupied the same room. They were engaged as a married couple.

Elizabeth Emily Bampton, wife of Albert Bamton, Alberton, said Mr. and Mrs. Brown stayed three months with Mrs. Fitton, witness's daughter. They occupied one room. Afterwards they lived in witness's house at Queenstown. They went there, in February, 1908, and she knew them as Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Alice Martin, of Semaphore, aged 18, said she went to live with Miss Mills in August, 1903, and remained as companion and servant until she broke up home in 1907. Mr. Maslin and his brother visited Miss Mills there. Petitioner stayed at the house on three nights.

Charles James Maslin, of Bogolong, New South Wales, nephew of petitioner, had been in the habit of going to Bundaleer since October, 1902, while his uncle and aunt lived there. Petitioner treated her with respect. He had known Miss Mills since 1902. She stayed with witness and his wife at Bogolong since March, 1907, at his wife's invitation.

Mr. Anderson, for the defence, called no evidence. He had shown that Mrs. Maslin was not solely to blame for the unhappy family breach. He left the matter for his Honor's report.

Sir John Downer said that the questions for his Honor were: (1) Was the respondent guilty of adultery? (2) Whether the petitioner committed adultery with Miss Mills. On those points there could not be doubt. (3) Was adultery with Miss Mills condoned before the adultery of the respondent? If all the questions were answered in the affirmative as a matter of course, petitioner would be entitled to his decree. Then there was a fourth question, was the petitioner guilty of wilful neglect and misconduct, which in themselves led to the fall of respondent? There was no suggestion on evidence that the relations of petitioner with Miss Mills had anything to do with the practically admitted fall of the respondent. The conduct of respondent was conclusive that her sin was not in consequence of that; but utterly independent of it. Husband and wife up to the last were on cordial terms, and kissed each other good-bye at the station.

His Honor said he was unable to make up his mind as to the form in which he would report to the Full Court. He had been asked to report whether the allegations contained in the petition as to adultery by respondent, being antecedent to the filing of the first petition, had been proved. He did not think there could be any doubt about that. The counter charge of adultery against Mr. Maslin had been admitted, so that that issue could be disposed of. The third charge, to which he attached great importance, was that preferred by the petitioner against his wife of adultery subsequent to the proceedings taken by him on the first petition. The way in which it occurred to him was whether Mrs. Maslin, knowing of the proceedings being taken by her husband for the dissolution of marriage, continued relations with co-respondent, even after the decree nisi was made by the Court. He wished to satisfy himself whether he should report specially to the Full Court as to the circumstances of the condonation, and the circumstances under which Mr. Maslin committed adultery. The further hearing was adjourned till Monday next.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

THE URUROA ASHORE.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Friday.

The schooner Ururoa, coal laden, from Newcastle for Wanganui Gasworks, went ashore last night on a beach about a mile south of the entrance to the port. She is still afloat, and it is hoped will get off to-night with the assistance of a tug. The crew have landed, and report having had an anxious time last night. They arrived off the Heads at 10 o'clock, and signalled for a tug. No tug, however, was available, and the vessel dropped her anchors, which dragged. Throughout the night seas broke over her, and the crew had to spend the night in the rigging. The water tanks and other gear were damaged by seas.

THE DRUIDS SOCIETY.

PROPOSED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

OPPOSITION IN BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

Various Druid lodges met together last night to consider the proposal for forming the lodges of the State into a limited company. Mr. W. Levy, district president, presided. After a long discussion, the following resolutions were carried:—"That in the event of anything being carried at the special Grand Lodge meeting on December 28, which would in any way help the proposed company scheme, or be detrimental to the Barrier lodges, the delegates from Broken Hill be instructed to interview Mr. Trivett on the matter, and ask him for his protection, pointing out at the same time that the Druids in Broken Hill are desirous of remaining under the Friendly Societies Act." "That this mass meeting of Broken Hill Druids protests against the indefiniteness and vagueness, as well as the brevity, of the notice given regarding the special Grand Lodge meeting of December 28, and also considers that the Grand Lodge officers have been remiss in their duty in not giving fuller and earlier notice of such meeting." "That this mass meeting of Druids expresses its most emphatic protest against any alteration of the laws tending to the conversion of the U.A.O.D. into a limited liability company." Another resolution favoured a deputation to the Registrar (Mr. Trivett) on December 29.

MOUNT MORGAN ACCIDENTS.

BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

ABANDONMENT OF THE PIGSTYE SYSTEM.

BRISBANE, Friday.

The report of the special board appointed to inquire into the Mount Morgan accidents, was made available to-day. The board recommended, amongst other things, the abandonment of the pigstye system of timbering as carried out in the past; the adoption of the sectional system of mining in all such parts of the mine as already known or may reasonably be intersected by dykes or heads. The board also advised the careful selection of suitable methods of working different parts with a view to securing the maximum of safety. The board is satisfied that the inspector of mines has been attentive to his duties, and carried them out satisfactorily. They did not consider it necessary for the appointment of a resident inspector at Mount Morgan.

BITTEN BY A SNAKE.

PEAK HILL, Friday.

A boy aged 3 years, son of Mr. Henry Price, was bitten on a finger by a snake. He was brought to town, and treated by Dr. Todd. He is now out of danger.

Y.M.C.A.

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE SECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the junior and intermediate sections was held in the hall of the association last night.

Mr. John Perry presided over a large attendance, and congratulated the department on its progress. The membership had almost doubled, and the various branches of activity were in a state creditable to all concerned.

The report, which was read by Mr. G. S. Lockington, hon. secretary, spoke not only of present progress but of prospects of a character that should cause every member to do his best to make the most of them.

Mr. J. J. Virgo, general secretary, in moving the adoption of the report, said that when he came to the city six years ago he realised that if the association was to be strong it must of necessity give considerable attention to the junior members. It was because this had been done that they had had years of continuous success. (Applause.) The coming year was going to be the "toughest proposition the association has been up against," and he urged all the junior members to do their part in achieving success.

A programme of instrumental and vocal music was contributed to by Miss Amy Pepper, Miss Grace Walker, Miss Beatrice Mercer, Messrs. H. D. Jennings, W. J. Warneford, and C. H. White and pupils, and a gymnastic display was given by members.

CITY CORONER'S COURT.

A CHILD'S DEATH.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquiry held yesterday concerning the death of Vincent Foley, aged 3 years and 8 months, lately living with his parents in Mackey-street, Surry Hills. Deceased was admitted to the Sydney Hospital on December 1 suffering from burns caused by his clothes catching fire at his home on the same date. He died the day after being admitted to the hospital.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Inverkip, s, for United Kingdom or Continent, via Geelong, with 833 tons coal; Suva, s, for Suva, via Sydney, with 580 tons coal; Norkoowa, s, for Melbourne, with 2150 tons coal; Sydney, s, for Melbourne, with 2350 tons coal; Cycle, s, for Port Pirie, via Wallaroo, with 6100 tons coal; Frankby, s, for Manila, with 7050 tons coal.

SMELTING RETURNS.

The ore treated at the Sulphide Works, Cockle Creek, during the week ended to-day yielded 1539oz of gold, 2872oz of silver, and 293 tons of lead.

WEEK'S COAL OUTPUT.

The total quantity of coal exported from Newcastle during the week ended to-day amounted to 104,361 tons. Commonwealth and New Zealand ports took 56,522 tons, while 47,839 tons were despatched to foreign destinations.

At the annual picnic held to celebrate the commencement of the Christmas holidays by the pupils of the Bolton-street school yesterday, Mr. F. J. Nicholls, headmaster, was presented with a silver sugar scuttle by the school children and an address expressing their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf. Mr. B. J. Watson, another of the teachers, was presented with a silver serviette ring. Miss Vera Preston, who recently won a scholarship for the training college, was also presented with a silver-mounted purse.

THE HEEMSKIRK TRAGEDY.

SUDDEN TERMINATION OF TRIAL.

NOLLE PROSEQUI ENTERED.

HOBART, Friday.

The trial of Herbert Henry, Vincent on a charge of the murder of Alfred Tame, or Phillips, at Heemskirk, on October 24, came to a sudden termination to-day.

When the Crown closed its case on the previous day prisoner's counsel (Mr. Harold Crisp) raised the point as to whether there was sufficient evidence to warrant the case being sent on to the jury for consideration. Mr. Crisp pressed the point very strongly, and quoted authorities to support the view which he took.

Mr. Justice M'Intyre reserved his decision. On taking his seat this morning, his Honor said since the adjournment last evening he had been considering with care the point raised by Mr. Crisp. "I'm not wanting in any way," he said, "to take the case out of the hands of the jury, but it is with a view of saving time and needless trouble that I intend to adopt the course which I am now taking. I am of opinion that there is no sufficient evidence before the Court upon which the jury could safely find a verdict of murder or manslaughter against accused."

The Attorney-General said that in view of the opinion expressed by his Honor he felt it his duty to enter a nolle prosequi. He desired to say that the police did not entertain any suspicion of the witness Ben Thorne.

MINING UNDER NEWCASTLE.

EXTENSION OF THE SEA PIT.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

In the Warden's Court to-day, before the mining warden for the district (Mr. Wilkinson), application was made by the A. A. Company to the Crown for leases to mine for coal under about 14 acres of land in the city, north of the west end of Hunter-street, and under a large amount of property, which includes the railway workshops and lines, and other property towards the inner basin at Carrington Bridge.

An objection to the application had previously been made by the Railway Commissioners, but at the proceedings in Court today there was no appearance on behalf of the Commissioners. It is understood, however, that a good deal of correspondence has passed between the company and the department, and that the objections by the latter had been waived on the company agreeing to take out not more than 30 per cent. of the coal.

Another objection, however, was lodged by the City Council of Newcastle, and the warden proceeded to make inquiries in regard to this. After some discussion an arrangement was come to between the two parties by which the council withdrew its opposition on the A. A. Company giving an understanding that it would not mine under nor east of Merewether-street, but would confine its operations to the west of that street. On the withdrawal of this objection the lease was granted.

The granting of the lease will add considerably to the workings, and also to the life of the Sea Pit, which is one of the oldest collieries in the district, and until comparatively recently had one of the largest outputs at this end of the field. The present workings of the colliery extend under a large portion of the more hilly parts of the city, and came prominently under public notice at the time of the creep scare. A part of the workings also extends under the sea. The new lease will extend the mine in a northerly direction under portions of the city not hitherto mined, but all danger from a creep will be practically averted owing to the small amount of coal which is to be taken out. Being so close to the wharfs, the coal can be shipped at a comparatievly low cost.

TROUBLES OF THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

WIRELESS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The revenue of the Postal Department is not coming in quite as well as was expected, and the difficulties in providing funds for the betterment of the telephone and telegraphic services are accordingly increased. The new Administration does not see eye to eye with the late Ministry in regard to the charges to the public. The Postmaster-General (Mr. Thomas) is even inclined to seriously consider plans for raising rates, because at present every new telephone is said to mean an enlargement of the deficit caused by the difference between revenue and expenditure. Mr. Mauger gave various concessions which, while cheapening the telephone cost to the subscribers, are now considered to have been undesirable from the Department's financial point of view. The extension of the mile radius, it is stated, has had the effect of running up the cost of construction without extra revenue being obtained. In addition, the revenue of the Pacific cable has experienced a bit of a slump, and £6000 not provided in the Estimates has to be added to the contribution of the Commonwealth. All these things are in a measure responsible for the cooling off in regard to wireles telegraphy, and as it is not looked upon as being a factor in the cheapening of the costs, it does not come into account with the department as an installation to be hurried on.

THE IRONWORKS.

LITHGOW, Friday.

At the Eskbank ironworks most of the mills have worked this week. It is expected that the works will close down on Thursday next for 12 or 13 days. However, a big gang will be put on to effect alterations in various directions. Mr. Douglas, foreman, hopes to be able to start one of the sheet mills at the same time as the other mills go on in the new year. The new bolt and spike department should also be ready to restart. Two new boilers will be put in during the holidays to replace two old ones in the 18-inch mill.

A VICTORIAN CONTRACT.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The State Government to-day accepted the tender of the Lithgow Ironworks for the supply of a quantity of points and crossings to the Railway Department. The Premier said that preference to the extent of £1 per ton had been given to the Lithgow works as a local firm producing Australian manufactures. The order placed with the firm was for three-quarters of the whole contract.

METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH.

MR. HUNT IN A BALLOON.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Writing to headquarters from Berlin, the Commonwealth Meteorologist, Mr. Hunt, now on tour, states that he has found scientists in Paris desirous of an exchange of data between Europe and Australia. In America, England, and the Continent, the view is held that unless new ground is broken there is little chance of improving the accuracy of weather forecasts, and Australia, by reason of her position, is looked upon as nearest to the ideal area for meteorological research. Before leaving England Mr. Hunt accepted an invitation to take a balloon ride, and ascended to a height of 5400ft, journeying a distance of 92 miles, from London to Ashchurch. According to latest cable advice, Mr. Hunt is now in India continuing his trip.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 18.

India, R.M.S., 7911 tons, Captain F. W. Vibert, R.N.R., from London, via ports. Passengers—Mr. P. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. E. Merewether and child, Miss E. Stuart, Mrs. L. Hancock and child, Miss Roberts, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. L. Hopkins, Mr. D. Cowan, Miss Russell, Mr. E. Turner, Mr. R. Walker, Misses D. and G. Jones, Mrs. A. Jonsson, Mr. Buckingham, Misses E. and J. Beridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duthie, Miss Meiklejohn, Mr. W. and Mrs. Hogkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Traine, Miss D. Franis, Mr. J. E. Johnson, Miss P. Fell, Mr. L. Hancock, Mr. J. W. Lenny, Miss K. Armstrong, Mr. H., Mrs. and Miss Daly, Mr. D. Ettershank, Mitchell, Mrs. G. Scott, Mr. W. Hamer, Mr. D., Mrs. and Miss Wilson, Captain and Mrs. Christian, Mr. E. Welch, Mr. F. Witternoon, Mr. H. Buck, Mr. G. Ashfield, Mr. H. Llewellyn, Captain A. Barclay, Mr. M. and Mrs. Lyons, Mr. E. and Miss G. M'Donald, Mr. A. Dean, Mrs. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. Quick, Mr. R. White, Mr. E. Rich, Mr. E. Cook, Mr. D. Bacon, Sir H. Kelly, Dr. V. H. and Mrs. Barr, Mr. A. and Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. J. and Mrs. M'Lennan, Mr. F. M'Kenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Waldegrave, Mr. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. Skinner, Miss F. Tower, Dr. H. G. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. B. Lohmannco, Mr. K. Kiss, Mr. P. Hapick, Mr. H. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. J. and Miss M'Farlane, Mr. J. and Mrs. Cousens, Captain and Mrs. Miller, Dr. S. Roberts, Mr. H. Dolby, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hall, Mr. Lander and two infants, and Master Lander, in addition to a large number of passengers from interstate ports. E. Trelawny, agent.

Victoria, s, 2960 tons, Captain G. F. Entwisle, from Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames Wallace, G. A. Dougall, J. M. Massey, Erson, Sanders, Goodhew and child, Harper, Low and child, Weatherley, Kenny, G. Wynyard, Phillips, Hollis, Joot, Harrington and child, Hanly, L. W. Lohman, Misses Heinneman, Vaughan, L. and A. Wyatt, Ashley, Erson, Blatchley, P. Marshall, V. Donnelly, Wynyard, Godsall, Montague, Sisters Mary Bartille, and Mary Carmena, Messrs. Thompson, S. M. and H. Bell, Wallace, Eyre, G. A. Dougall, E. Robinson, K. M. Ballantyne, Perham, C. A. Best, Ballantyne, Sanders, R. W. Lohman, W. H. Boyes, C. W. Penhall, E. Cleave, Barclay, H. Deakin, F. J. Goodhew, A. Connelly, H. Nathan, Weatherley, Rockham, Pritchard, J. Lemmont, S. Cann, A. Paul, J. M'Sweeney, A. J. Phillips, A. G. Jail, F. S. Willis, A. Bernstein, Field, G. R. King, Hartnell, Jont, G. B. Leonard, Jordan, H. B. Boys, Daley, and Dr. Farrington, and 106 steerage passengers. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Upolu, s, 1141 tons, Captain Menmuir, from Solomon Islands, Ellice Group, Union Group, and Samoa. Passengers—Mr. F. Wernham, W. Archibald, W. Tendale, W. Gibson, F. Mitchell, F. Kissling, R. Jennings, Miss A. Jennings, C. R. Danvers, C. L. T. B. Buchanan. Levers Plantations, Ltd., agents.

Westralia, s, 2884 tons, Captain Kell, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Company, Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Newcastle, s, 1261 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R.S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Moruya, s, 568 tons, Captain Swanson, from Bateman's Bay and other South Coast ports. Illawarra and S.C.S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Electra, s, 296 tons, Captain Nicholson, from Manning River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Eureka, s, 170 tons, Captain Langlands, from Bellinger River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Dart, yacht, tender to training ship Sobraon, 478 tons displacement, Captain Thomson, from a cruise.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 18.

Changsha, s, for Melbourne.

Dilkera, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

Banffshire, s, for London, via Durban, Capetown, and Melbourne.

Cooma, s, for Townsville, via Brisbane and ports.

Hanau, s, for Brisbane.

Ottensen, s, for Brisbane.

Hawaii, American four-masted bqtn, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 19.

Mongolia, R.M.S., for London, via ports; Kasemba, s, for Dunkirk, London, and Antwerp, via ports; St. Louis, s, for Noumea; Clan Macintosh, s, for Dunkirk, Antwerp, and London, via ports; Eastern, s, for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports; Arrino, s, for Dunkirk and London, via ports; Breiz Huel, s, for Dunkirk and Antwerp; Flensburg, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg, via ports; Salamis, s, for Brisbane; Yongala, s, Peregrine, s, and Yawata Maru, J.M.S., for Melbourne; Maheno, s, for Wellington and other New Zealand ports; Riverina, s, for Fremantle, via ports; Sydney, s, for Melbourne, via Eden; Komura, s, for Brisbane and Rockhampton (cargo only); Innamincka, s, for Cairns, via Brisbane and ports; Westralia, s, for Hobart; Dorrigo, s, for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Cavanba, s, for Byron Bay, Trial Bay, and Coff's Harbour; Brundah, s, for Richmond River; Kyogle, s, and St. George, s, for Clarence River; Hawk, s, for Port Stephens, Bulahdelah, Booral, and Stroud; Commonwealth, s, for Camden Haven, Laurieton, Kendall, and Kew; Hunter, s, for Newcastle; Hawkesbury, s, for Hawkesbury River, Pittwater, and Newport; Hastings, s, for Port Macquarie, Hastings, and Wilson Rivers.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 18.

Banffshire, s, 5736 tons, Captain Wallace, for Durban, Capetown, and London, via Melbourne.

Changsha, s, 2269 tons, Captain Finlayson, for Melbourne.

Hanau, s, 4213 tons, Captain Prohn, for Brisbane.

Ottensen, s, 4266 tons, Captain Hellerich, for Brisbane.

Salamis, s, 4508 tons, Captain Schlemme, for Brisbane.

St. Louis, s, 1353 tons, Captain Chandel, for Noumea.

Breiz Huel, s, 3097 tons, Captain Audrian, for Melbourne.

Katuna, s, 4650 tons, Captain Lee, for Plymouth, via Melbourne (for orders).

Yawata Maru, J.M.S., 3817 tons, Captain Sekine, for Melbourne.

ENTERED OUTWARD.—Dec. 18.

India, R.M.S., for London, via ports: Hoogemeent, bq, for Rotterdam.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Mongolia will leave Sydney at noon today for London, via ports.

The R.M.S. India, from London, via ports, arrived at Sydney at 8.5 a.m. yesterday, and moored in Athol Bight.

The R.M.S. Moree left Suez on Thursday for Australia.

The R.M.S. Omrah leaves Brisbane to-day, and may be expected to arrive here early on Monday morning.

The R.M.S. Orotava is due at Adelaide on Monday next, Melbourne 23rd, and Sydney 26th.

The R.M.S. Ormuz is due at Colombo on the 21st inst, Fremantle 31st, Adelaide Jan. 4, Melbourne Jan. 6, and Sydney Jan. 9.

The R.M.S. Orient is due at Naples 20th inst, Port Said 24th, Colombo Jan. 4, Fremantle 14th, Adelaide 18th, Melbourne 20th, and Sydney Jan. 23.

The R.M.S. Oroya arrived at London last Saturday from Sydney, via ports.

The R.M.S. Ortona is due at Marseilles on the 20th inst, and London Dec. 26.

The R.M.S. Ophir is due at Port Said on Dec. 29, Naples Jan. 1, Marseilles 3rd, and London 9th.

The R.M.S. Oruba is due at Fremantle on the 21st inst, Colombo 31st, Port Said Jan. 12, Naples 15th, Marseilles 17th, and London Jan. 23.

The R.M.S. Orontes leaves London for Australia, via ports, on Jan. 22 next.

The R.M.S. Asturias leaves London for Australia, via ports, on Feb. 5 next.

MONGOLIA SAILING TO-DAY.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Mongolia will be despatched from the Circular Quay at noon to-day for London, via the usual ports of call. Her passengers are:—

Sir James Fairfax, Lady Fairfax, Miss Fairfax and maid, Lady McMillan, Mrs. E. P. Simpson, Mr. Telford Simpson, Mrs. and Miss Huntley, Madame and Miss Phalempin, Mr. A. D. Brunwin, Mr. G. E. Brunwin, Mr. J. R. King, Mr. P. S. Williams, Mrs. A. W. Williams, Captain and Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and infant, Mr. W. Makin, Miss Hall, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. H. Luxton and infant, three Messrs. and Miss Barnard, Mr. Bert Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Lowther, Mrs. and Miss Eileen Touhey, Mr. S. H. Robertson, Mr. T. F. Dunhill, Mr. H. Schoen, Mr. F. B. Alexander, Mr. J. M. C. Forsyth, Mr. F. Laurence, Mr. C. S. King, Miss E. Hundler, Mr. G. Garlick, Mr. W. H. George, Mr. C. Schilsky, Miss Margaret Anglin, Miss Eileen Anglin and maid, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Gurney, Mrs. and Miss Harriott, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Hammond, Messrs. Edwards (2), Rev. and Mrs. W. Harper, Mr. F. Murray, Mrs. and Miss Ryrie and Messrs. Ryrie (2), Mr. R. G. Waddy, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tillam and two children, Miss McCrohon, Mr. Tompsitt, Miss Dempster, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cowie, Mrs. Dunlop-Jackson, Senator Clemons, Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Mr. George, Mr. C. W. Thonger, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram and three children, Mr. H. T. Buchan, Dr. and Mrs. Symonds, Miss Ewen, Miss Lamont, Mr. H. V. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Downer, Mr. Fleming, Mr. N. White, Mrs. and Miss Shand, and Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke-Wilson.

EASTERN, FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., managing agents for the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, Limited, will despatch the steamer Eastern from the company's wharf, Circular Quay, at 11.30 a.m. to-day, for Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan, via Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, and Timor. The passenger bookings are:—

Mrs. John C. Brown, Mr. G. Brown, Nurse Camac, Mr. M. C. Chubb, Mr. Cusack, Mr. A. C. Ferguson, Mrs. A. C. Ferguson, Mr. I. Hall, Mr. Mison, Mr. E. V. Rieu, Mr. G. C. Sayle, Mr. W. J. Schutt, Mrs. W. J. Schutt, Dr. Talbot, Mr. R. Townshend, Mr. Wakelin, Mr. R. R. Wolf, Mrs. R. R. Wolf, Mr. S. O'Hoy, Mr. Q. O'Hoy, Mr. F. M. Pon, and 118 Chinese in the steerage.

The cargo engagements are:—300 tons lead, 2730 sleepers, 350 tons flour, 53 tons earthenware pipes, 25 tons fodder, 35 tons oats, 400 packages fungus, 40 tons timber, 300 cases jam, 40 tons soap, about 200 tons general cargo, 1700 boxes butter, 300 carcases and 150 sides pork, 740 carcases mutton and lamb, 5 tons veal, 112 quarters beef, 300 cases fruit and vegetables, and a quantity of frozen sundries.

The steamer has in her strongroom 81 boxes of gold, valued at £31,750.

DELAY OF THE OROTAVA.

The R.M.S. Orotava left Fremantle at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday. Her somewhat late departure was due to the delivery of the English mails at Naples not being effected until five hours after the proper time.

SLIGHT MISHAP TO THE BURRA-BRA.

A mishap of a minor character happened to the Manly steamer Burra-Bra this morning. She left the Manly wharf at 6.25 on her usual run to Sydney, and during the trip the engineers found that the air-pump was not working properly. An examination showed that the plunger had loosened, and on the arrival of the vessel at Circular Quay the manager decided to have the defect repaired at once, and consequently sent the steamer to the company's works at Neutral Bay. The steamer Bingarra took the next trip, after which the Burra-bra resumed her running.

THE MYSTERIOUS YACHT DOCKED.

The American yacht Coronet, which excited much curiosity during her brief stay in this port last month, and recently arrived at Melbourne, was yesterday floated into the Melbourne Steamship Company's dry dock at Williamstown for overhaul and repairs.

A large number of people inspected the yacht on the slip. The Coronet was to have been docked at Sydney, but owing to a hitch about labour negotiations were broken off.

CLAN MACINTOSH FOR EUROPE.

The steamer Clan Macintosh will be despatched today for Dunkirk and London by the M'Arthur Shipping and Agency Company, Ltd. The principal lines of her Sydney cargo are 13,000 bales wool, 500 tons ore, and 50 bales leather.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

GOODE ISLAND (2005m).—Passed: Dec. 17, Willesden, s, from Singapore, bound to Sydney.

COOKTOWN (1550m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Arawatta, s, from Sydney.

BOWEN (1225m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Wollowra, s, from Cairns.

TOWNSVILLE (1370m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Warrego, s, from Burketown; Bombala, s, and Marloo, s, both from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 18, Mintaro, s, for Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON (830m).—Dep: Dec. 18, Timaru, s, for Iron Island.

KEPPEL BAY (877m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Moira, s, for Sydney.

BUNDABERG (717m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Flinders, s, from Brisbane.

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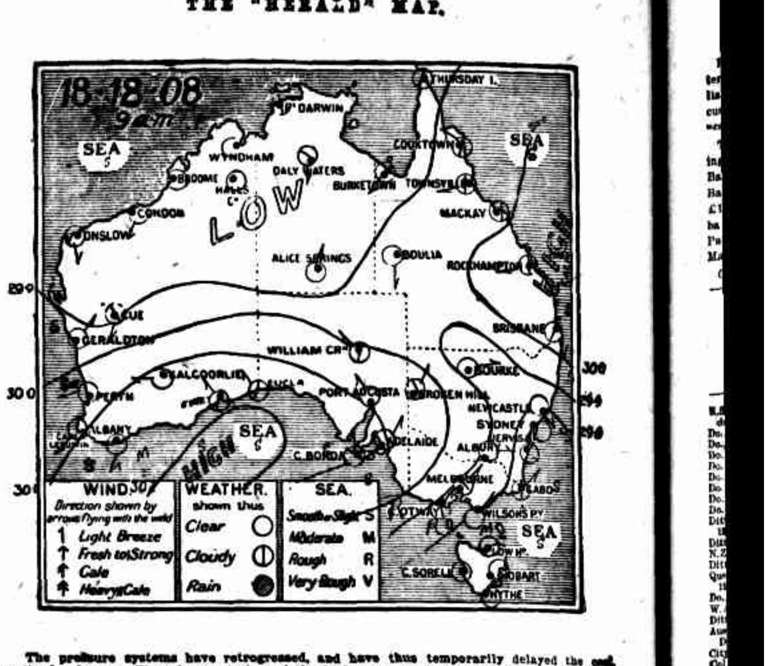
AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The pressure systems have retrogressed, and have thus temporarily delayed the cool southerly change. The advance isobar of the high pressure is now over our south-western districts. The Antarctic depression covers the eastern half of New South Wales. The northern half of Australia is covered by a flat monsoonal low pressure.

Ocean Forecast.—Strong westerly and south-westerly winds to gales over the Straits, and around Tasmania, but gradually moderating. Rough weather between the Straits and Southern New Zealand.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Friday.

Sydney rainfall, average for 49 years, 48.34 inches.

Average rainfall for 50 years, from January 1 to end of November, 4751 points.

Total rainfall, from January 1, 1908, to date, 4491 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1907, 3063 points.

Barometer.—At 9 a.m., 29.695; at 3 p.m., 29.642; at 9 p.m., 29.908.

Temperature.—At 9 a.m., 85.2; at 3 p.m., 88; at 9 p.m., 67.9.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 45; at 3 p.m., 42; at 9 p.m., 73.

Wind.—Greatest elocity, 42.9 miles, from south, at 5.10 p.m.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Armidale 16 points, Barringun 45, Blackheath 18, Bourke 1, Brewarrina 32, Byrock 56, Carcoar 15, Carinda 9, Coonamble 59, Crookhaven 8, Cudal 9, Enngonia 22, Glebe 25, Gloucester 12, Goulburn 40, Grenfell 14, Hungerford 16, Hunter's Hill 23, Jervis Bay 8, Kiama 21, Kurrajong 30, Lawson 23, Marrickville 29, Merriwa 9, Mosman 41, Moss Vale 11, Mount Victoria 26, Narrabri 6, Nyngan 13, Parramatta 3, Penrith 1, Pilliga 10, Quambone 34, Riverview 14, Rockley 12, Strathfield 4, Sydney 40, Taralga 25, Ulladulla 26, Uralla 29, Wahroonga 43, Walcha 30, Walgett 5, Warren 13, Windsor 11, Wollongong 6.

Port Macquarie (up to 6 p.m.), 8 points.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Scattered thunderstorms, with rain, recorded in north-west, and on central tablelands and South Coast.

Victoria.—Scattered light rain recorded in the south-west and coastal districts.

South Australia.—One point recorded at two coastal stations.

Western Australia.—Light to moderate rain recorded in tropics, and one point at Peak Hill.

Queensland.—Light to moderate rain in the south-west at four stations, and few places on north-east coast.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Hot and sultry weather still prevailed in northern districts, but cooler in southern parts.

Victoria.—Scattered showers over south-west and coastal districts; otherwise fine but cloudy generally.

South Australia.—Fine and cool, cloudy in southern areas; squally in the extreme south-east.

Western Australia.—Fine but cloudy to overcast in tropics; elsewhere fine and clear to fine, with few clouds.

Queensland.—Cloudy on peninsula and north-east coast, fine and clear elsewhere.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery generally.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Geraldton, 29.92; Perth, 30.08; Esperance Bay, 30.17; Eucla, 30.16; Adelaide, 30.10; Robe, 30.02; Portland, 29.91; Melbourne, 29.89; Wilson's Promontory, 29.82; Gabo Island, 29.74; Cape St. George, 29.73; Newcastle, 29.72; Port Macquarie, 29.82; Clarence Heads, 29.94; Brisbane, 30.01; Rockhampton, 30.01; Mackay, 29.99; Cooktown, 29.92.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Friday were as follow:—Albury, 1ft 4in; Balranald, 2ft; Bingara, summer level; Boggabilla, 1ft 2in, f; Booligal, stopped running; Bourke, 2ft 6in, r; Brewarrina, 6ft 9in, r; Collarenebri, 8in; Condobolin, 1; Deniliquin, 2ft 6in; Dubbo, 1; Euabalong, 9in; Euston, 11ft; Goodooga, 1; Gundagai, 1ft; Gunnedah, 1; Hay, 2ft; Hillston, stopped running; Kunopia, 1; Louth, 6ft, r; Menilla, 1; Menindie, 1ft 6in; Moama, 10ft 1in; Mogil Mogil, 1ft, f; Moulamein, 2ft 4in; Mungindi, 4ft 5in, f; Narrandera, 7ft 3in, f; Pooncarie, 3ft 4in; Tilpa, 2ft 6in, r; Tocumwal, 2ft 8in; Wagga Wagga, 2ft; Wentworth, 5ft 2in; Wilcannia, 2ft 6in; Yetman, 1ft; Barwon River, at Walgett, 14ft 8in, r; Namoi River, at Walgett, 11ft 2in, r.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; l, low.

TEMPERATURES.

Sydney (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Maximum 88; minimum, 69; Adelaide, 80, 57; Melbourne, 70, 55; Brisbane, 86, 66; Hobart, 74, 51.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Woolgoolga, NE, strong, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, NE, strong, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, NE, strong, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, NE, moderate, showery, sea smooth; Manning Heads, NE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, SW, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, NE, light, stormy, sea slight; Newcastle, S, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, SSE, strong, hazy, sea moderate; Wollongong, S, strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, SE, strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S, fresh gale, cloudy, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, s, strong, squally, cloudy, sea mod.; Ulladulla, S, fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Bateman's Bay, S, fresh, squally, cloudy, sea slight; Moruya, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Eden, s, strong, cloudy, hazy, sea slight; Green Cape, S, strong, cloudy, hazy, sea rough; Gabo Island, SW, strong, cloudy, squally, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Some thunder storms in the north-east and squally westerly to southerly winds, with rough sea and some showers on the South Coast; otherwise fine, with cooler conditions generally.

Western Australia.—Fine and warm to hot generally, with E to NE winds. Scattered thunderstorms and rain in the tropics.

South Australia.—Fine but cloudy in the S districts; cool S winds (SW to SE).

Northern Teritory.—Thunderstorms and rain near the coast.

Queensland.—Some cloud along the coast, and scattered showers and SE winds in the NE peninsula; fine elsewhere, and hot winds; some isolated thunder on the S border.

Victoria.—Cool and cloudy generally, with some showers on and near the coast; squally strong W and SW winds through the Straits.

Tasmania.—Cool, cloudy, squally and showery, and W and SW winds. Rough on the coast, but moderating.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 19.

Sun rises 4.39, sets 7.5; Moon, 1.51 a.m., 2.30 p.m.; Mercury, 4.25 a.m., 6.54 p.m.; Venus, 2.49 a.m., 4.59 p.m.; Mars, 2.12 a.m., 3.46 p.m.; Jupiter, 11.23 p.m., 10.54 a.m.; Saturn, 12.12 p.m., 12.27 a.m.

High water at Fort-Denison, 4.57 a.m. and 5.23 p.m.

New Moon, December 23, at 9.50 p.m.

DECEMBER 20.

Sun rises 4.40, sets 7.5; Moon, 2.22 a.m., 3.29 p.m.; Mercury, 4.27 a.m., 6.57 p.m.; Venus, 2.49 a.m., 4.59 p.m.; Mars, 2.10 a.m., 3.45 p.m.; Jupiter, 11.20 p.m., 10.50 a.m.; Saturn, 12.8 p.m., 12.23 a.m.

High water at Fort Denison, 5.48 a.m. and 6.12 p.m.

Bundaberg; Burwah, s, from Rockhampton; Perthshire, s (in Moreton Bay), from London. Dep: Dec. 18, Urilla, s, and Bingera, s, both for Townsville.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Craighall, s, Indraghiri, s, and Burrumbeet, s, all from Sydney; Swad, s, from New York; Loongana, s, from Launceston; Earl of Dunmore, bq, from Fredrikstadt; Melbourne, s, and Period, s, from Newcastle; Colac, s, from Cairns, via Sydney. Dep: Dec. 18, Loongana, s, for Launceston; Rotomahana, s, for Burnie.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Dec. 18, Duranbah, s, at anchor off Cook's Island; Duroby, s, and Mokau, s, bar bound. Dep: Dec. 18, Duranbah, s, at 4.45 p.m., for Byron Bay.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Tintenbar, s, at 2.40 p.m., Ramornie, s, at 3.35 p.m., both from Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (228m).—Dec. 17, Nerong, s, returned to Trial Bay, at 7 p.m., unable to cross in, bar shoaled.

MACLEAY RIVER (200m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Nerong, s, at 2.55 p.m., from Nambucca River. Dep: Dec. 18, Myee, s, at 6.15 a.m., for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (2.5m).—Passed: Dec. 18, Corra Lynn, s, at 7.15 a.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Wauchope, s, at 4 p.m., from Sydney.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: Dec. 18, City of Grafton, s, at 3 p.m., north; Myee, s, at 11.30 a.m., a large steamer, black funnel, at 1.20 p.m., both south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159m).—Dec. 18, Australia, sch, and Warrigal, ktch, barbound. Dep: Dec. 18, Uralla, s, at 4 a.m., for Sydney.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Astral, s, at 11.13 a.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (128m).—Dep: Dec. 18, Commonwealth, s, at 4.55 a.m., for Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (108m).—Passed: Dec. 18, a large steamer, at 6.30 p.m., a large steamer, with flags not distinguishable, at 6.35 p.m., both south.

PORT STEPHENS (82m).—Passed: Dec. 18, Trafalgar, s, at 7.30 a.m., north; Commonwealth, s, at 12.30 p.m., south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Derwent, s, Sydney, s, Archer, s, Hunter, s, Suva, s, Queen Bee, s, all from Sydney; Magdalene, s, from Port Stephens; Norkoowa, s, from Melbourne. Dep: Dec. 18, Trafalgar, s, for Manila; Selwyn Craig, sch, for Auckland; Alice, s, Queen Bee, Archer, s, Suva, s, all for Sydney; Inverkip, s, for Geelong.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (420m).—Passed: Inward, Dec. 18, Alabama, s, at 10.50 a.m.; Kolya, s, at 5.40 p.m.; Kooringa, s, at 7.15 p.m. Passed: Outward, Dec. 18, Ouraka, s, at 7.45 a.m.; Barrier, s, at 8.25 a.m.; Tarcoola, s, at 3.30 p.m.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS (54m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Galgabba, ktch, at 4 a.m., from the north. Dep: Dec. 18, Narooma, s, at 4.30 p.m., for Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48m).—Dep: Dec. 18, Beulah, s, at 11 a.m., for Sydney.

SOUTH HEAD (4m).—Passed: Dec. 18, Louisa Craig, bq, at 2.10 p.m., north.

BELLAMBI (41m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Chillagoe, s, at 7 a.m., from Melbourne. Dep: Dec. 18, Bellambi, s, at 3 a.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Ruakaka, snow, at 11 a.m., from the south. Dep: Dec. 18, Palmerston, s, at 12.30 p.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA (59m).—Dep.: Dec. 18, Kiama, s, at 5 a.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74m).—Dep.: Dec. 18, Coomonderry, s, at 2.15 p.m., for the south.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Passed: Dec. 18, Arab, ktch, at 8.30 a.m., north; Coomonderry, s, at 4.40 p.m., south.

MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Arr.: Dec. 18, Hillmeads, s, at 3.40 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: Dec. 18, one of A.U.S.N. Co.'s strs, at 3.10 p.m., north; Allen Taylor's str, at 2.20 p.m., south.

BERMAGUI SOUTH (169m).—Dep.: Dec. 18, Eden, s, at 1.15 p.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Dec. 18, Arctic Stream, ship, at 7.45 p.m., north; Perth, s, at 10.50 a.m., a str, with red funnel, slate covered top, at 2.40 p.m., a large str at 6.30 p.m., all south.

GABO (238m).—Passed: Dec. 18, Romford, s, at 6.40 p.m., Darius, s, and Kakapo, s, both at 7.37 p.m., all north; Karitane, s, at 6.5 p.m., south; Ashridge, s, at 6.30 a.m., Irene, cutter, at 10.20 a.m., Christian Michaelsen, s, at 5.45 p.m., all west.

LAUNCESTON (500m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Wakatipu, s, at 10.25 a.m., from Sydney.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Kyarra, s, from the Eastern States; Largs Bay, from Monte Video; Karori, s, from Strachan; Formosa, bq, from Liverpool. Dep: Dec. 18, Koonyong, s, and Corio, s, both for Sydney and Newcastle; Lothringen, s, for the eastern States.

ALBANY (2100m).—Arr: Dec. 17, Thuringen, s, from Melbourne. Dec. 18, Singapore, from Bombay. Dep: Dec. 17, Clan McMillan, s, from Dunkirk.

FREMANTLE (2468m).—Dep: Dec. 18, France, s, for Sydney.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Arrival.

LONDON, Friday.

Jeanara, s, 4580 tons, Captain Johnston, at London, from Port Pirie Oct. 7, Wallaroo Oct. 13, and Port Natal Nov. 10.

Departures.

Oberhausen, s (German-Australian S.S. Company's line), 4353 tons, Captain Orgel, from Hamburg, for Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane.

Tropic, s (White Star cargo line), 8194 tons, Captain Morgan, from London, for Sydney, via ports.

Pass of Killiecrankie, British bq, 1869 tons, Captain S. Vint, for Sydney.

Eumeralla (new steamer for Howard Smith Company), from Leith, Scotland, for Melbourne.

Port Phillip, s (Anglo-Australian line), 4060 tons, Captain Head, from London, for Melbourne.

King Edward, British sh, 1857 tons, Captain Cannon, from Rotterdam, for Wallaroo.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND (1281m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Daniel, bq, Handa Isle, bqtn, both from Newcastle.

WELLINGTON (1239m).—Arr: Dec. 18, Junee, s, from Bunbury. Dep: Dec. 18, Ruapehu, s, for London; Warrimoo, s, for Sydney.

SPECIAL MAIL TRAINS.

THE QUESTION OF COST.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The Federal Auditor-General (Mr. Israel) has drawn attention in his annual report to the amounts paid by South Australia for the carriage of English mails by special trains from Adelaide to Melbourne and Sydney. He is of opinion that the other States should be debited with the cost, as they get the benefit of the service. It appears that prior to 1893 the cost of the specials was paid by Victoria and New South Wales. Victoria then suggested that as the specials were of little use to her, the other States should bear a larger proportion. They declined, and the arrangement came to an end. In 1894 South Australia offered to run specials as far as Serviceton free as an inducement to the other States to re-establish the system. The proposal was accepted. The Rome Convention made Australia one territory from 1907, as far as postal matters were concerned. As South Australia would, therefore, not continue to receive transit charges on mails going to other States, the Postmaster-General of the day approved of the charge for these special trains being borne by the States concerned. The amount received by South Australia for the transit of the English mails from the date of transfer of the department to December 31, 1907, was approximately £22,468; while the cost to South Australia of providing special trains through that territory for the same period is shown by the Auditor-General as £10,375. Commenting on this matter, the Postmaster-General (Mr. Thomas) said it might not be unreasonably assumed that the retention of Port Adelaide as the calling place for mail steamers was an important factor in connection with South Australia. The original offer of the renewal of the service was only concluded through that State offering to run trains to the border without additional expense to the other States. He does not, therefore, see that the arrangement should be disturbed.

THE MAILS.

TO-DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 9.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 9.30 p.m.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 and 9.30 p.m.

Hobart (direct).—Westralia, 10 a.m.

Wellington, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Maheno, 11 a.m.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Arawa, 11 a.m.

Macleay River, Port Macquarie, Byron Bay, and Coff's Harbour, via Newcastle.—Cavanba, noon.

Eden.—Melbourne, 1 p.m.

Melbourne (direct).—Peregrine, 1 p.m.

Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawk, 1 p.m.

Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Timor, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via Brisbane.—Eastern, 3.45 p.m.

Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.

Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Rotomahana, 9.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Burrumbeet, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Byron Bay.—Orara, 9 a.m.

San Francisco (direct).—Yeddo, 10 a.m.

Apia (direct).—Yeddo, 10 a.m.

Macleay River.—Yulgilbar, 11 a.m.

Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 3 p.m.

Cooktown, Thursday Island, and Gulf Ports, via Brisbane.—Warrego, 3.45 p.m.

Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Nerong, 4 p.m.

Eden.—Eden, 4 p.m.

Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 5 p.m.

Natal and Capetown, via Adelaide.—Geelong, 5.30 p.m.

Dunedin, etc. (N.Z.), via Melbourne.—Ulimaroa, 5.30 p.m.

Hobart, via Melbourne.—Ulimaroa, 5.30 p.m.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

Business was fairly active on 'Change yesterday. Union Bank shares rose 7/6, Australian Gas 2/6, Tooheys' Brewery /3, and Marcus Clark (ordinary) /3; other shares being practically without alteration.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Intercolonial Building, 28/6; Commercial Banking Company (new), £27/3/9; A.J.S. Bank, inscribed, 10/6; Australian Gaslight, £19/2/6. Afternoon:—Tooheys, 17/; Katoomba and Leura Gas, 24/; Union Bank, £62/7/6; Paul and Gray, 30/3; Colonial Sugar, £43; Marcus Clark and Co., ord, 20/9.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. Per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.*
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S. due 1912	..	..	3	85	84½	85½	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	98	..	..	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	100/15/	100	101	3¾
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	98/10/	..	99	3½
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	98/10/	98	[illegible]	3¾
Do., due 1921-5	..	..	3	..	90	..	..
Do., due 1909	..	..	4	100	100	..	4
Do., Act 1873	..	..	..	110	109	110	3½
Do. Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	100	..	4
Ditto, T. Bills, 1909	..	..	3½	100	98	99½	3½
Ditto	..	..	4	100½	100	..	3¾
N.Z. Deb., 1913	.	..	4	101	..	..	3¾
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	101	100	102	3¾
Queens. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101/10/	..	..	3¾
Do., Tr. Bills	..	..	4	101	..	..	4
W.A. Inscr.	..	..	4	101	100	..	3¾
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Australian Gas Deb., 1922	..	..	4	102	101	102	3¾
City Syd. Deb.	..	..	4	102	101	102½	3¾
Col. Sug. D., 1914	..	..	5	108	107	110	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	108	108	..	5¼
City	10	8	3	60/	..	60/	8
Ditto (new)	10	8	3	57/6	..	57/6	8¼
Com. of Syd.	25	12½	10	27/12/6	27½	27¾	4½
C. Syd. (new)	25	12	..	27/3/9	27/3/9	27¾	..
Commercial of Australia	10/	10/	..	10/	..	..	..
Do., pref.	10	10	3	5/12/	5½	..	5½
N.S.W.‡	20	20	10	45/10/	45½	45½	4½
N. Zealand‡‡	6⅔	3⅓	10	8/10/	..	8½	4
N. Queensland	7	2	4	23/6	35/	..	4½
National of Australasia	8	8	5	94/	95/	96/	5¼
Ditto, pref.	10	10	5	11/4/	11½	..	3¾
Q'land National	5	3	..	22/6	18/6	19/9	..
Royal of Q.	9	6¼	4½	4/17/	100/	98/6	..
Union	75	25	14	62/7/6	62	62¼	5¾
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank—							
Class B	—	—	2	10/6	11/	11/3	4½
Class B, 1912	..	..	3	12/	12/	..	..
Class B, 1917	..	..	3	10/3	10/	..	6¼
Ditto, Inscr.	..	..	3¼	10/6	10/3	10/9	..
Com of Aus., Assets	..	..	3	17/6	17/6	—	5¾
E. S. and A. Deb.	..	..	4	18/2	18/	—	..
Ditto, pref.	..	..	3	12/2	12/6	..	4½
Ditto, def.	..	..	4½	18/2	18/	..	4½
Q. Nat.*	..	..	3¼	16/5	16/6	17/	4½
STEAM.							
Balmain Ferry	1	1	10	28/	27/6	29/	5½
Howard Smith	1	1	15	40/6	43/	44/	7½
Ditto	1	5/	15	18/	25/	..	4
Pref.	1	1	5	21/2	21/	21/6	4½
Ditto	1	5/	5	5/	5/	..	5
Illawarra	1	15/	..	18/	17/6	19/6	..
Newcastle	1	1	6	23/3	22/9	23/	5
North Coast	1	17/6	8	25/	25/	25/9	5¾
Port Jackson	1	15/	8	27/	35/	37/6	3¾
Syd. Ferries	1	1	10	60/	59/	60/	3¼
Ditto	1	1	10	..	..	..	..
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14	43/6	43/	..	5
Col. Mut. Fire‡‡	1	1	20¼	55/	..	62/	7¼
Mer. Mutual	1	6	14¼	17/	16/9	17/	5¼
New Zealand	10	2	15	73/	73/	..	8¼
Queensland‡‡	1	10/	6	17/6	17/	..	4½
United	10	2¼	12½	5/10/	5¾	..	5¼
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	17½	46/	45/6	46/6	7½
East Greta	1	1	10	27/6	27/	28/	7¼
Heddon Greta	1	1	..	5/	4/9	..	..
Hetton	5	5	6	63/6	61/	..	9¼
Metrop., ord.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	22/	19/6	..	7¼
Ditto, pref., 2	1	1	10	14/	13/	15/	6¼
Mt. Kembla	10	10	..	25	25	..	..
Newcastle	11	10	5	6/5/	6	6¼	9
North Bulli	1	1	10	21/	..	21/	4¾
South Greta	10/	10/	..	12/10½	12/	..	..
Stockton	1	1	..	5/	..	..	..
Ditto, new	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Vale of Clwydd	1	1	10	24/6	24/6	..	..
Wallsend	10	10	20/	20¼	25¼	26	7½
Waratah	6	..	..	..	1/6	..	..
Wickham and Bullock Is.	1	20	..	6/2	7/	..	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	4/6	5/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	22/	21/	22/6	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	21/	..	6¼
Australian	6	6	15	19/2/6	19	19½	4¾
Ditto, new	6	3	15	11/5/	11	11½	4¾
Char. Towers	10/	10/	10/	14/9	..	15/6	6¾
Goulburn	1	1	8	61/	57/	60/	5¼
Grafton	1	1	8	32/8	31/	..	5
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	..	24/	23/9	24/9	..
Maitland‡‡	5	5	7	..	7¼	..	5¼
Manly	1	1	9	42/6	40/	42/	4¾
Ditto, new	1	5/	9	23/	..	..	..
Mudgee	1	1	7	24/	23/	..	6¼
Newcastle	2	2	15	6¼	6¼	6¼	4¾
North Shore	1	1	8	45/	44/	46/	3¾
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	4	10/3	..	10/3	7¾
Perkins'	15/	15/	20	30/	..	30/	8¼
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	13/	12/9	13/3	6¼
Tooth's	1	1	10	42/	41/9	42/3	5
MISCEL'NS.							
Aarons'	15/	10/	5	3/9	3/9	..	13¼
A. Taylor Co.	1	1	10	24/3	24/	24/6	8¼
Aust. Hat Mills	1	1	..	..	24/	..	..
Aus. News	1	1	..	12/6	13/	14/	7
B. H. W. Sup.	15/	15/	10	22/6	22/6	..	6¾
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	42/	41/6	42/6	4¾
Do., new issue	1	10/	10	21/6	21/3	21/9	4¾
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	43/0/	43	43¼	4¾
Dalgety & Co.‡‡	20	5	7	6/2/	6	6/3/9	5¾
Dunlop Pneu. Tyre, pref.	1	1	7	21/	..	..	6¾
Emu B. Rail.	1	1	..	4/10½	..	..	..
Ditto, pref., B.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Emu and Pros. Gravel	1	10/	6¼	12/3	12/	..	5¼
F. Food, Ice	12/	10/	8	11/9	11/9	11/10½	7
Goodlet and Smith	15/	15/	8	17/	16/9	17/	7
H. McKenzie, ord.	1	1	7	22/	..	21/	6¾
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	22/6	..	22/3	9
Hotel Metropole	1	20	6	25/	22/6	23/	4¾
Ditto, pref.	1	10/	15/	..	..	..	..
Marcus Clark, ord.‡‡	1	1	8	20/9	20/6	21/6	7¾
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10/2/	10¼	10½	6
Melb. Tram	1	10	..	39/1½	38/6	39/6	..
Mont de Piete	1	1	10	38/	38/	39/	5¼
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	20/	19/6	..	6
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	23/6	22/6	24/	5¼
Paul and Gray	1	1	17½	30/3	30/	30/3	11½
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	4/11	4/9	5/	5
Perpetual Trust	10	5	10	13/	12/6	14/	4½
Pitt, Son, and Badgery	1	11/	10	16/	14/	..	7
Q'sland Meat Ex. and Agy.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	8	14/	13/9	14/3	7
E. Rich and Co.	1	1	5	14/6	..	15/	6¾
Silv. Trams‡‡	1	1	40	87/	86/	87/	9¼
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	..	..	6¾
Syd. Exchange	10	10	6	12/2/6	12	..	5
Syd. Hyd.	1	1	10	29/	28/6	30/3	7
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/	14/	15/	6¾
Syd. Hyd. and G. E.	1	15/	15	26/9	..	26/6	8¾
W. H. Soul, Patt., and Co.	1	1	10	47/	46/	..	4¼
LAND and BLD.							
Hom. B. and I.	10	10	..	2/6	..	2/6	..
Id. Prov.	10	20	6	19	18½	..	6¼
Inter. Inv.	1	15/	12½	28/6	27/6	..	6¼
Perm. B. and L.	..	..	6	..	..	..	..
Fd. Free L.	..	6/7	20	8	..	..	..

† Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly ex. ‡‡ Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. ‡ Call paid. ‡ Ex rights. Z. London delivery. M. 6 months. * Plus annual payments of 16/8 per cent.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

Sales and quotations:—Bank of Adelaide, £7/14/3; Carmichael, b 10/, s 13/.

BRISBANE, Friday.

To-day's quotations were:—Queensland Trustee, b 6/6; National Bank, s 20/; Inscribed Stock, s 16/10½; 3½ per cent. loan, s £100; Chillagoe Debentures (cum all arrears of interest), s £86.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 4 per cent. stock, 1923, £103 5s; Goldsbrough, Mort, 41/; Howard Smith (20/ paid), 42/6, 43/6; ditto, pref., 20/; paid, 21/; Kauri Timber, 14/.

FINANCIAL.

PREMIER TRADING STATE.

New South Wales continues to hold her own among the great trading States of the Commonwealth. Her lead as far as external trade is concerned over Victoria, who takes second place, is very pronounced. Here are the figures for the first 11 months of the current year, with the excess in each case of the parent State:—

HOW NEW SOUTH WALES LEADS.

	N.S.W. £	Victoria. £	Excess for N.S.W. £
Imports—Merchandise	19,193,696	14,384,439	4,809,256
Gold	613,505	311,089	302,416
Total	19,807,200	14,695,528	5,111,672
Exports—Produce	18,969,038	8,779,885	10,219,153
Gold	3,445,724	3,334,355	111,369
Total	22,414,762	12,114,240	10,330,522
Oversea trade	42,251,962	26,809,768	15,442,194

In exports especially this State has a long lead, and the gap between her trade and that of her neighbours appears to be widening. Where New South Wales has made less progress is in the matter of transhipment trade. Once Sydney was the entrepot of Australia for imported goods. Now Melbourne leads in that respect.

HAYMARKET PERMANENT B. AND I. CO.

The twenty-eighth annual report of the above company shows earnings for the year of £17,374, inclusive of £5581 brought forward. After payment of interest charges and a dividend, £5814 is carried forward. The purchase of the Dobroyd Point estate, consisting of some 76 acres, adjoining Haberfield and Dobroyde Park, has been completed for the sum of £17,500. A further dividend for the half-year at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum is to be paid, making £2562 distributed in dividends during the year. The following comparison may be made:—

Year ended Nov. 15,	1906.	1907.	1908.
Earnings	£10,134	£11,073	£11,853
Capital paid up	87,729	89,840	89,882
Reserve funds	33,150	23,150	23,150
Fixed and current deposits	40,253	42,840	41,066
Equalisation of dividends	5,000	5,000	5,000
Secured balances	58,027	61,288	63,650
City properties	38,383	36,850	36,350
Estates, etc	125,821	116,153	113,708
Cash	2,125	2,149	380

SIZE OF CHEQUES.

The above problem was referred to by Sir Felix Schuster in his presidential address before the London Bankers' Institute, in which he said:—"I should like to allude to the size of cheques, which now seem to vary between that of a newspaper and that of a visiting card. I cannot see what value as an advertisement one of these cheques can be to the party issuing it; for, of those persons through whose hands it passes, he is already in business relations with the payee; while the bank clerk, who receives it, and the clearing clerk, who clears it, are certainly not likely to be induced by it to transfer their custom to the offending firm. There is no doubt that in many cases the cheques are intended to be advertisements, and the name of the paying banker is sometimes the least conspicuous part of the cheque. If only inconvenience were caused, there would perhaps not be much harm done, and I suppose the practice may always be said to give encouragement to the engraver's art. But, as a matter of fact, these freak cheques (if I may use an American expression) do occasion not only great inconvenience, but also loss of time and risk; and surely it should be in the competence of the clearing house to decide what sized cheques it will clear, leaving those outside their limits to be dealt with outside the clearing house. Here, again, a little co-operation might at once effect a cure, and, if it is so difficult to bring about change even in such a comparatively small point, how much more so in the case of the many graver problems with which we are confronted."

MUNICIPAL TRAMS.

In the United Kingdom there are 98 tramways worked by municipalities and 114 tramways worked by public companies. Practically all of these have been constructed since 1900. Previous to that date only 32 lines had been opened, so that progress has been very rapid. Leeds was the first municipality to construct and work an electric line, the first section of seven miles having been opened in August, 1897. The city now has a system aggregating 51 miles. Glasgow Corporation, which opened its first electric line in 1898, now has nearly 90 miles of tramway, on which 755 cars are employed. The London County Council had no electric tramway until 1903, but it has now 68 miles and over 1000 cars. In the course of a few years its electric system will no doubt be enormously increased, and probably over 5000 cars will be required. During the past few years municipal tramway undertakings have increased in number very much faster than those promoted by companies. The sum invested by corporations amounts now to the huge total of 41 millions sterling, and the passengers carried on their lines exceed 2545 millions. A majority of the undertakings, according to the analyses of accounts given in the "Tramway World," show some profit after payment of interest and sinking fund charges; but in most cases the margin is so small that the ratepayers derive little, if any, advantage. In Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, and Sheffield, however, substantial sums are paid in relief of rates. Fares are low, and wages, as a rule, are fixed on a very generous scale.

INSURING BANK DEPOSITS.

In the United States there has been a good deal of talk for some years about the necessity of insuring bank deposits. The American Bankers' Association has, however, pronounced against the scheme on the following grounds:—

1. It is a function outside of State or national government.
2. It is unsound in principle.
3. It is impracticable and misleading.
4. It is revolutionary in character.
5. It is subversive to sound economics.
6. It will lower the standard of our present banking system.
7. Productive of and encourages bad banking.
8. It unjustly weakens the strong and unfairly strengthens the weak banks.
9. It discredits honesty, ability, and conservatism.
10. A loss suffered by one bank jeopardises all banks.
11. The public must eventually pay the tax.
12. It will cause and not avert panics.

When the Federal Legislative committee presented these resolutions it accompanied them with a report of which the following is a part:—

Depositors of a bank are guaranteed primarily by the character of the assets in which the depositor's money is invested, margined and fortified by the bank's capital and surplus. If a bank's assets—that is to say, its investments—are good, if its credits have been wisely extended, depositors are amply protected, and need no other guarantee. Why should not the bank's assets be guaranteed? Why not guarantee payment to banks of the receivables of their various clients? This would guarantee deposits. Both propositions are alike illogical and absurd. Let Congress provide a means whereby perfectly solvent banks with good assets can obtain currency with the same facility as banks in other great commercial nations, and they will have gone far towards prevention of panics.

H. M'KENZIE, LIMITED.

The report of the above company covers the six months ended September 30. The balance at credit of profit and loss account is £5345. The directors report that they found that during the period a capital expenditure of upwards of £25,000 had been incurred in acquiring additional kauri bushes in New Zealand, hardwood at Ourimbah, duplicating the electrical plant, and large additions to general stock in Sydney and Melbourne. In view of this outlay, the directors recommended that the payment of the following dividends be deferred till portion of this expenditure has been recouped, viz.:—Ten per cent. on the preferential shares, 7 per cent. on the ordinary shares; an amount equal to 3 per cent. on the ordinary share capital to be carried to ordinary shares reserve account. The balance of £446 is carried forward. The report concludes:—"The shareholders are to be congratulated upon another successful half-year's trading." The following comparisons may be made:—

Half-year ended Sept. 30,	1906. £	1907. £	1908. £
Net profits	5,673	5,880	5,345
Dividend on pref. shares, per cent.	10	10	—
Dividend on ordinary shares, per cent.	5	7	—
To reserve account	1,250	1,500	—
LIABILITIES.			
Capital paid up (pref.)	40,000	40,000	40,000
Capital paid up (ord.)	37,300	37,500	37,500
Capital paid up (new issue)	—	19,416	20,483
Sundry creditors	11,041	80,548	60,367
Reserve for equalisation of dividends	—	1,750	3,250
Other reserves	—	4,744	10,608
ASSETS.			
Sundry debtors' bills receivable, stocks, etc.	94,315	146,166	177,642

A BANK DIRECTORS' EXAMINATION.

A novel feature in the way of bringing home to bank directors the responsibility of their high office has been introduced into American banking by the *United States* Comptroller of the Currency. With this object a series of questions, numbering 29 in all, has been prepared, which the national bank examiners will submit to bank directors at examinations. The questions are designed to bring out the relations of the directors to the executive conduct of the bank, the extent of their knowledge of the paper held by the institution, the degree of latitude conceded by them to bank officers in overstepping the provisions of the national bank law, and the nature of their oversight of accounts and assets, of the composition of the reserve, and of the correctness of the reports of the bank. The actual list includes such questions as: "Has a committee of the directors ever checked up the stock ledger? How many of the directors read the letters of criticism from the Comptroller? How many of the directors know nothing at all about the condition of the bank? and How many of the directors have read the National Bank Act?" The whole scheme is contrary to Australian ideas of the duty of a director. We should say that it is highly probable that many of the most capable of bank directors know little or nothing of the Acts under which their institutions trade. They pay others to see to such details. It is more than possible that many directors could not pass an examination in the elementary principles of banking. Yet those very men might be of inestimable value to the institution they control, whereas the highly-qualified examiner might be quite valueless.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Derwent and Tamar Assurance Company, Limited, made a net profit for the year ended October 31 of £11,050. A dividend of 2s, and a bonus of 1s per share absorb £7500, £20,000 is carried to contingency fund, and £8817 carried forward.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

BANK OF ENGLAND FIGURES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Bank of England reserves in notes and gold are £22,321,000, as against £23,463,000 last week, and £22,399,000 last year. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is 45.62 as against 48.69 last week and 45.90 last year. The circulation is £29,146,000, as against £28,939,000 last week and £29,127,000 last year.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes issued	£49,802,000	Government securities	£11,015,000
		Other securities	7,434,000
		Gold and silver coin	31,413,000
	£49,802,000		£49,802,000

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' capital	£14,553,000	Government securities	£14,721,000
Public deposits	7,241,000	Other securities	29,542,000
Other deposits	41,642,000	Notes	20,716,000
Rest, seven day and other bills	3,109,000	Gold and silver coin	1,605,000
	£66,595,000		£66,595,000

MONEY MARKET.

The Bank of England rate of discount is now at 2½ per cent., to which rate it was reduced from 3 per cent. on May 28. The open market rate of discount for the best three months' bills is 3-16 lower at 2¼ per cent. Short loans are quoted ⅜ higher at 2⅜ per cent.

The open market rate in Paris is unchanged at 2½ per cent., while in Berlin it is ⅛ higher at 3¼ per cent.

CONSOLS AND AUSTRALASIAN STOCKS.

Current quotations for Consols and Australasian Government stocks compared with those of last week and the corresponding period of last year are:—

—	A Year Ago.	A Week Ago.	Yesterday.	Rise or Fall.
2½ per cent. Consols	83¼	83½	83⅛	⅜ fall.
N.S.W. 4's, 1933, Jan.-July	105	107	107	Unch.
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1918, Mar.-Sept.	98	99	99	Unch.
N.S.W. 3's, 1935, April-Oct.	86	87	87	Unch.
Vict. 4's, 1920, Jan.-July	101	102	102½	½ rise.
Vict. 3½'s, 1921-6, Jan.-July	96	98½	98½	Unch.
Vict. 3's, 1923-49, Jan.-July	85½	87½	87½	Unch.
S.A. 3½'s, 1930, Jan.-July	98½	101	99½	1½ fall.
S.A. 3's, 1916, Jan.-July	84	86	84½	1½ fall.
Q'land 4's, 1915-24, Jan.-July	103	105	104½	½ fall.
Q'land 3½'s, 1924-1930, Jan.-July	98	100½		
Q'land 3's, 1922-47, Jan.-July	84	99	98½	½ fall.
N.Z. 4's, 1929, May-Nov.	105	107	107	Unch.
N.Z. 3½'s, 1920-40, Jan.-July	99	98½	98½	Unch.
N.Z. 3's, 1945, April-Oct.	84½	87½	87½	Unch.
Tas. 3½'s, 1940, Jan.-July	96	97½	97½	Unch.
Tas. 4's, 1920-40, Jan.-July	86½	86½	86½	Unch.
W.A. 3½'s, 1915-35, May-Nov.	95	97½	97½	Unch.
W.A. 3's, 1915-35, May-Nov.	84	87½	87½	Unch.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

Each day as the Christmas season approaches the markets become less interesting. In most lines the serious business of the year is done. Even among wholesale grocery distributors there is now very little business passing. Oils struggled between a tendency to go better on spot, and a fall oversea, although that fall is attributed more to the Christmas slackness than to a general market drift. Metals were without change. Cornsacks were lively, and although spot prices did not advance, Melbourne buying was reported on the distributing basis quoted here. Whatever may be the result, a little further forward cornsacks seem good for immediate betterment. Those who want new standard sacks for early requirements would be well advised to buy now. In late districts buyers might be justified in a more leisurely course, although even they will need to watch closely the trend of the market. Among dealers the opinion is that sacks will go to 5/ very shortly. Wheat was dull, and in much the same position as obtained on the previous day. There was, however, plenty of grain offering at ½d per bushel above buyers' prices. In general produce operations were restricted. New local potatoes met a market weaker in tone, although quotations did not alter. On the whole the markets were quiet, and rather against sellers.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was dull. A good deal of grain was offering at 3/9½, but millers were more or less unconcerned, and shippers were only willing to give 3/9.

Flour was being quoted at £9/10/ and £9/7/6 for old, and £9 and £8/17/6 for new, January delivery. Cheaper new flour was, however, quoted from Melbourne for forward delivery.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 1694 tons of wheat and 85 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Stocks in Bond.—The stocks of merchandise other than wines, spirits, narcotics, and sugar in bond on December 18, also at the corresponding period last year, and movements of the week, were:—

—	Imported.	Duty Paid.	Exported.	In Bond a year ago.	In Bond on Friday.
Hops, lb.	150	533	855	66,967	54,165
Candles, boxes	—	50	—	13,027	8,188
Milk, cases	200	1,140	10	4,078	4,291
Rice, sacks	—	268	471	1,407	30,427
Ditto, bags	904	2,016	2,043	7,077	17,670
Vinegar, casks	—	—	—	367	280
Ditto, cases	—	135	—	4,285	1,036
Galv. iron, cases	—	7	—	1,977	702
Glucose, casks	117	25	—	802	306
Ditto, cases	—	100	—	458	1,245
Salt, sacks	—	—	—	45,251	42,913
Ditto, bags	—	90	—	21,380	15,464
Rock salt, tons	—	—	—	21	171
Cement, casks	—	—	—	3,312	2,179
Currants, lb.	90,000	24,169	—	190,953	213,064
Raisins, lb.	—	327	—	104,789	146,400
Dates, lb.	—	—	—	119,437	123,763
Other fruits, lb.	—	2,567	—	65,697	17,978
Spirits distilled in N.S.W., gals.	9,950	4,399	1,289	—	505,819
Coffee, lb.	5,982	7,036	1,110	287,213	92,340

Sugar.—The market was quiet, and the ruling prices (Sydney delivery) were unaltered, as follow:—Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited: No. 1 B (brewers' crystals), £22 per ton; No. 1 X (confectioners' crystals), £21/15/; No. 1 A (dried for table use), £21; No. 1 (I.W.), £21; No. 2 (I.C.), £20/15/; and No. 3 £18/15/; tablets, in 56lb bags, £25/10/ per ton; icing and caster sugar, 56lb bags, £20; coffee crystals, 56lb, £24. Syrup remained unaltered.

The Millaquin and Yengarie Sugar Company: Millaquin, 1A and AA, £21; No. 1 dry and A/x, soft, £20/15/; B/x, soft, £20/10/; and P, £20/5/.

The bonded stocks of sugar in tons compare:—

	Imp.	Duty paid.	Expt.	In Bond.
October 2	2638	1057	308	39,827
October 9	1815	885	859	39,648
October 16	6037	1049	1029	43,697
October 23	1748	921	358	44,077
October 30	1848	606	1592	41,196
November 6	1583	1162	894	40,763
November 13	597	726	274	40,100
November 20	8290	1036	629	46,906
November 27	767	1244	696	45,733
December 4	1815	1167	500	45,793
December 11	1801	1301	550	45,648
December 18	1777	1322	696	44,107

Prices for German 88 per cent. beet sugar, f.o.b. Hamburg, and first marks granulated, as cabled from London yesterday, compare with prices ruling earlier as follows:—

	German Beet. Per cwt. s d	Granulated. Per cwt. s d
Yesterday	10 9	11 10
A week ago	10 9	11 9
A month ago	10 3	11 1
A year ago	8 10	10 4
Two years ago	8 3	10 6

Tea.—The market on spot was firm, though quiet. At the auction Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. offered at their saleroom, 575 packages Ceylon, Indian, and China teas, on account of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. They report having practically cleared the Ceylon catalogue, at prices showing a firm market, up to /10¼ per lb. Darjeeling's realised /10½ per lb, and Koo Loos /7¼ per lb. Later private cables to hand yesterday fully confirmed the further rise in prices as already reported, in the Colombo, Calcutta, and London tea markets.

Groceries.—Business in this market has dropped to merely nominal proportions. 250 boxes of dates were sold at /2½—a special transaction. On spot dates were very scarce, and few were sellers under /3. Fruits of all kinds are rather scarce among merchants. Prices, however, were unaltered. Nuts were in some request, walnuts being quoted at /7, Barcelonas at /7, Brazils at /11½. Soft shelled almonds were scarce, and quoted at the slightly better level of /9½. Jordan almonds were worth 2/6. Malaga muscatels were worth from /11 to 1/1½, according to description and parcel. Mildura were quoted at the convention rates of /10 to /11. Fish was quiet, and quotations were unchanged. "Castle" salt was quoted at 60/ for Eagle coarse, 52/6 Emu crude, 65/ Castle refined coarse, 70/ extra fine, 82/6 to 85/ dairy and table, and 87/6 dowry fine. Cressbrook and Gold Medal milk were selling well, 400 cases of the latter being placed at 5/10½ in five-case lots, and 6/ in smaller quantities.

Oils.—The lower prices on the other side rather weakened spot quotations to the extent of arresting, for the moment, the upward tendency, although all the market conditions would justify a higher price for spot linseed that is being obtained. Thistle brand was quoted from Glasgow at /0¼ below the quotation of a week ago. On spot, therefore, 3/3½ and 3/4½ were the best prices for Blundell's, other second brands proportionately lower. Whitelead was unchanged at £30/5/ and £31 for Champion's in cwts and quarters respectively; other brands £1 under. The Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary, Limited, quoted:—Snowflake kerosene, ex steamer Hanau, now discharging, at /10¼ per gallon, Sydney and Newcastle; Royal Delight kerosene at /8¾ per gallon, f.o.r. Sydney and Newcastle; petrolite engine kerosene, at /7¾ per gallon, f.o.r. Sydney and Newcastle; Pratt's gasolene, 2/4 per gallon; Pratt's benzoline, 2/3 per gallon; Pratt's benzine, 1/2¼ per gallon; Pratt's Naphtha, 1/5¼ per gallon; Pratt's motor car spirit, packed 2 x 4 gallon tins to the case, 1/5¾ per gallon; Pratt's motor car spirit, packed 4 x 2 gallon tins to the case, 1/6¼ per gallon, terms net cash in 14 days. Sales of linseed oil have been heavy throughout the week at 2/10½ per gallon for raw, and 2/11½ per gallon for boiled in barrels. Vacuum cotton seed oil in eight-gallon cases is moving freely at 5/3¾. Vacolite candles have shown ready sales at /5¾ per lb. The British Imperial Oil Company, Limited, quoted:—Silverlight kerosene (in tins), f.o.r. Sydney or Newcastle, /9¾ per gallon. Also landed ex the steamer Elax: Shell benzine, packed in 2-4 gallon tins to a case, 1/3¾; Shell naphtha, packed in 2-4 gallon tins to a case, 1/5¼; Shell motor car spirit, packed in 2-4 gallon tins to a case, 1/5¾; Shell motor car spirit, packed in 4-2 gallon tins to a case, 1/6¾. Spirit terms: Net cash in 14 days.

Metals.—Importers reported sales aggregating 60 miles of wire netting on the basis of—For Westphalian 42:1½:17 A, £28; Westphalian, same description and grade, £24/10/; 36:1½:17 B, ditto, £15/10/; 36:1½:18 A, £16. Wires were steady at £8 and £8/10 German, and 2/6 more American for gauges 8 and 10 black; galvanised £9/5/ and £9/15/ for German, and 2/6 to 5/ more for American. Other lines had little movement and no change in prices.

Jute.—An excellent distributing business was reported on the basis of 4/10 for new cornsacks, and substantial sales to Melbourne at the same figure. Old cornsacks continued quiet at 7/5½. Branbags were nominally 4/2½ to 4/3, and woolpacks 2/8½ to 2/9, but no business of any importance was registered.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 3135 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

The revenue collected at the Customs-house yesterday amounted to £13,421.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

METALS EASIER.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 1.50 p.m.

Closing quotations are:—

Copper, spot, b £62/1/3, s £62/18/9—a fall of 17/6 on the week; three months, b 63/11/3, s £63/16/3—18/9 down on the week. Electrolytic, £65/10/—5/ down on the week.

Tin, spot, b £132/2/6, s £132/12/6—down 5/ on the week; three months, b £133/12/6, s £134/2/6—down 5/ on the week.

Pig-iron, 49/5—1d lower on the quotation of November 16.

Lead, b £13/3/9, s £13/5/—about 1/ down on the week.

Spelter, spot, b £20/15/, s £20/17/6—unchanged on the week.

SUGAR.

The sugar market is quiet, 88 per cent. net litre German beet being quoted at 10/ and first marks granulated 11/10.

BRADFORD TOPS.

The Bradford market is quiet, with a confident undertone. Sixty-fours are quoted at /24, super 60's /23, 60's at /22, 46's /12, and 40's /11½.

SHEEPSKINS.

At the periodical auctions of sheepskins, 10,000 bales were offered, including 5520 bales Australasian. Nearly all were sold. Attendance was good, and competition very spirited. Merinos were ½d per lb dearer, and crossbreds ⅛d dearer. The next sale will take place on February 4.

BUTTER.

There was a fair trade in butter until to-day, when a reduction of 2 kroner in Danish caused general flatness. Choicest Australian is quoted at 104/ to 106/, with occasional boxes at 108/ per cwt. New Zealand is worth 110/ to 112/, Danish 112/ to 115/.

CHEESE.

The cheese market is slow, New Zealand being quoted at 57/ to 59/ per cwt.

WHEAT DEPRESSED.

The American markets are weak, and great pressure to sell New Argentine has caused a general depression. Buyers are inactive. 14,000 quarters of South Australian for December-January shipment have been sold at 36/. Australian afloat is offering at 37/6 to 38/6 per quarter of 480lb. On spot, the market is quiet at 40/ to 41/ per quarter of 496lb.

FLOUR.

The flour market is dull and unchanged.

GRAIN FREIGHTS.

The grain freight market is active, there being South Australian and Victorian fixtures for January-February at 21/3 to 22/6, and New South Wales ditto at 21/3 per ton.

LONDON SHEEPSKINS MARKET.

Dalgety and Company, Limited, Sydney, are in receipt of the following cable message from their London house, under date of 18th instant, viz.:—"The public sales of sheepskins held in this market yesterday and to-day closed firmly. As compared with the closing rates of the previous series held on October 22 and 23, prices were higher by half-penny for merino skins, three-farthings to one penny for crossbreds, and half-penny per lb. for short-woolled and shorn pelts. The offerings totalled 10,000 bales, practically all of which were sold."

Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin also notify the receipt of a cable.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

Wheat was unaltered to-day at 3/9 for farmers' lots, the market being dull. Flour was unchanged at £8/15/. Bran and pollard sold at 1/. Butter was firmer. Tops brought 1/ to 1/1½. Eggs sold at /8. Potatoes sold from £8 to £9 per ton, delivered. Onions sold from £6 to £7.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

New wheat was quoted at 3/8¾, both for early and January and February deliveries. Old wheat was irregular up to 4/1½. Old flour sold at £9, and new at £8/15/. Bran sold at 1/, and pollard at 1/2. Fair new Cape barley sold at 2/6. Algerian oats were quiet. Good heavy new sold up to 1/11, shipping feed quality 1/8 to 1/9. About 200 bags prime, bright, heavy were sold at 2/. Maize sold at 3/10½. Chaff was weaker and irregular, with dull demand and large supplies, at from £2/15/ to £3/10/; choice green to £3/15/, the bulk of the sales being at £3 to £3/5/. Potatoes were weaker. New Warrnambool sold from £5 to £5/15/, local £6, occasionally to £6/10/. Onions were steady at from £4/15/ to £5. Choice butter was firm, while ordinary was slow. Choice Western sold at /11, other prime to choice /10¼ to /10½, medium to good ordinary /10 to /10½. Eggs were firmer at from /11 to 1/2. Fairly large purchases of new cheese are being held in store to mature. Prime new sold at /5¼, special makes to /6.

Four hundred and fifty-four chests Indian tea, ex Bonus, were offered at auction, and all were sold at from /4¾ to /7¼, prices showing a slight improvement. Small business was done privately in China tea. There was good inquiry for Ceylon tea. 300 half-cases cleaned Amalia currants were sold. Five tons cream of tartar on spot was sold. Cornsacks on spot were firm, with fair business, including a good parcel at 5/2, and ordinary lots at 5/3. Branbags on spot had sales at 4/4.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The week-end market in Sussex-street was devoid of any special feature. Operations for all commodities were restricted to actual requirements. Imported chaff on the wharves was quiet at previous day's rates. At auction the quality was poor and the market was a shade dull. There were about 2900 bags of Clarence River potatoes on the market, but retailers did not buy eagerly, with the result that values were reduced 2/6. Many of the potatoes were reported to have arrived in a very bad condition. Practically all the Melbournes and Hunter Rivers were now sold. Maize was still dull of sale at yesterday's price. For anything prime and free from weevil 4/6 was asked. There was plenty of weevily grain offering, which holders were anxious to dispose of at a low price. Oats were receiving a fair amount of attention at late values. Bran and pollard were firm. No fresh arrivals of lucerne were marketed, and prime bales continued to bring the extra 5/. Onions were selling quietly at £6. Grey peas showed little movement at from 4/3 to 4/4, but blue were almost unprocurable. Barley was neglected.

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Local: Prime dry yellow, free from weevil, 4/6, weevily from 4/2 upwards per bushel; Melbournes, 4/6.

Barley.—Nominal.

Peas.—Blue, nominal; grey, 4/3 to 4/4.

Oats.—Tasmanian: 2/9. New Zealand: 2/9 to 2/11 bus.

Bran.—£5; pollard, £6 ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—South Australian: Prime £4/10/ to £4/15/, medium £4/5/ to £4/10/.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £8 to £8/10/ ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £2/17/6 ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green £3/15/, best brown £3/10/, inferior and grassy from 40/ upwards.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Rivers £6. Melbourne: New nominal.

Onions.—Victorian: £6.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Although there seemed to be a little better demand for eggs, yet there was a large margin between prices. This was caused by some agents, who held big stocks, cutting prices in order to "clear out" as the eggs would not keep in the hot weather, and others who received lighter supplies, demanding a good price. The arrivals from the rivers were light, amounting to about 295 cases. These brought different prices. One house sold from /9 to about /10, whereas another refused to quit under /10½. A few of the best brought up to /11. South Coast sold likewise from /10 to 1/, and new-laid 1/ to 1/2. Bacon was selling well. Hams were still scarce, the meagre stocks on hand being mostly heavy-weights. Cheese was quiet, only an occasional sale was made of a special brand. A few special makes of packet lard moved slowly, but other makes were dull. The local demand of butter was quiet.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 96/, good 92/ to 94/, second and medium grades 88/ to 90/, inferior pastry, 80/ to 76/ per cwt.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /6 to /7, good /5 to /5½, soft and new /4 to /4½; prime large /6 to /7, good /5 to /5½; special brands, /9 to /9½ per lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders, /7½ to /7¾; bulk, /7 to /7½; special brands, packets and small bladders, /8 to /8½; bulk, /7½ to /8¼ lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /9½ to /9¾, flitches /9¾ to /9, middles /10 to /10¼; bacon, hams /11 to 1/; special brands, sides /9¾ to /10¼, flitches /9½ to /9¾, middles /10 to /11¼; seed hams, double covers 1/1 to 1/3; hams, single covers, 1/0¾ to 1/2¼. New Zealand: Hams, /12½ to 1/1 per lb.

Eggs.—Northern, /9 to /10, few choice /11; Southern and railways, /10 to /10½; box lots railway, to 1/; new laid, 1/ to 1/3, few special brands 1/3; duck-eggs, /11, few choice to 1/.

Mossman and Ellis report having obtained the following prices at their auction sale yesterday:—Eggs: New-laid, /11½ to /13; choice suburban, /14; duck, /10¼ to /13½; case, /9½ to /10½. Carcase pork, /6 to /6½. Veal, /3 to /3½. Fowls: Young roosters, 4/6 to 6/9, choice to 7/10, small from 1/6; heavy birds fit for immediate use are in strong demand; hens, 3/3 to 4/, choice to 4/6. Ducks: English, 4/6 to 5/3; Muscovy, 6/ to 6/6, choice to 7/. Drakes: Muscovy, 8/9 to 10/, choice to 11/3. Geese: 7/9 to 10/6. Guinea fowl: 5/2 to 5/6. Cock turkeys: 15/ to 24/, choice 27/, extra prime 32/. Hen turkeys: 8/9 to 10/, choice to 11/3. Sucking pigs: 8/ to 19/6, choice to 13/. Honey: /2 to /2¾; no choice offering.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

There was only a light demand for choice western honey of a very clear make. The other lines were not wanted. Wax was dull.

Current quotations were:—

Honey.—Western, 60lb tins, choice, /3¼ to /3, good /2¾ to /2½, inferior and candied from /1¾ to /2. Northern River, /1¾ to /2.

Beeswax.—Prime clear 1/2 to 1/2½, dark from 1/1 to 1/1½.

POULTRY.

There was a larger supply of poultry marketed yesterday, but the bulk of the offerings consisted of poor quality birds. Really choice table poultry was scarce, and was well sought after. Sales were fairly satisfactory.

Current quotations were:—

Roosters, choice young, 6/, good 4/ to 5/6, small 3/6; old hens, good fat sorts 3/6, others 2/9 to 3/, mixed sorts 3/3 to 4/6; chickens, 2/ to 2/6, small from 1/; English ducks, choice 5/, good 3/ to 4/6, small 2/ to 2/6; Muscovy, old drakes, 4/6 to 6/; turkeys, gobblers, extra heavy and choice up to 18/; choice 16/ to 24/6, good 10/ to 15/, hens from 8/ to 10/; geese, choice 8/, good 7/ to 7/6, young goslings, 8/; guinea-fowls, 4/6; pigeons, /6 to 1/9 per pair.

FIREWOOD.

At the auction sales 20 truckloads were submitted, and fairly satisfactory sales resulted. Prices ruled at about last week's values.

The following prices were realised:—

Best boxwood, 14/ to 15/6, good 12/ to 14/; bakers' wood 12/ to 13/, good 11/ to 12/; ironbark, 10/6 to 13/; stringybark, 10/6 to 13/.

AUCTION SALES.

The first consignment of new season's potatoes was offered at the produce sale held in the railway goods shed on Friday morning, good prices being obtained. The general tone of the market was weaker, although prices remained at about late levels. There was a very meagre attendance of buyers, competition was rather slack, and the sale was inclined to drag. Fifty-six consignments of mixed produce were submitted to buyers' approval, 32 sales being effected. The offerings were made up in the following manner:—Chaff 22, lucerne chaff 1, lucerne hay 5, oaten hay 2, rye straw 1, oats 6, wheat 4, onions 2, potatoes 3. The bulk of the offerings consisted of chaff, 21 sales of this commodity being effected at prices which were about equal to late rates. Choice new season's cuts realised from 4/6 to 4/9, prime from 4/2 to 4/4, good 4/ and 4/1 per cwt. A truckload of prime lucerne chaff was also offered, but was reserved for private dealings after bidding had ceased at 5/6 per cwt. Lucerne hay was dull of sale. Choice dumps had attention at 4/7, and truss hay at 3/11 per cwt. Two truckloads of new season's oaten hay were also offered at auction, but both failed to meet with buyers' approval. Good rye straw was booked at 3/11 per cwt. Prime Algerian oats changed hands at from 2/1½ to 2/2, and medium grain at 1/11 and 1/11½, while inferior wheat moved at 3/2 per bushel. Choice table potatoes had attention at 7/, and prime at 5/2 per cwt. Prime pickling onions attracted buyers at 5/2, and medium table varieties were sold at 3/9 per cwt.

An asterisk (*) denotes a private sale.

Supplies were disposed of as under:—

Chaff.—From Lucas, Coolamon, (3771) p 4/9; Sing Yee, Quirindi, (5164) p 4/3; Smith, Forbes, (11146) 4/6; Bank of Australasia, Wirega, (6448) 4/, (5643) p 3/11; ex Petersham, (5488) 4/3; Cutler, Forbes, (11075) p 4/4; Cutler, Cowra, (10061) p 3/8; Ashwood, Coolamon, (9651) p 4/4; Woods, Brundah, (11495) 4/1, (2301) 4/1; Jones, Mogongong, (5859) p 5/3; Strickland, Forbes, (6412) 4/3, (2870) p 4/4, (2340) 4/2; Bolan, (5989) 4/6; Dunsford, (11201) 4/9, (2765) 4/3, (12217) 4/9; Brophy, Darobalgie, (9451) 4/3, (7778) p 4/3; Kirkman, Woodstock, (11745) p 3/5; Campion, Forbes, (12829) 4/9; Smith, (5554) 4/4, (5606) 4/7, (1148) 4/6; Cutler, (6417) p 4/4, (11675) p 4/4; Beveridge, Illabo, (3914) 4/4, (412) 4/4; Hutcheson and Wilson, Wagga, (3499) /6; Swan, (12720) 4/3, (11926) 4/3; Lyons, (809) 4/8 per cwt.

Lucerne Chaff.—From Wright, Morpeth, (12081) p 5/6 per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—Ex East Maitland (1554) 4/7; Vaughan, Mulgrave, (300) 3/11; Coterson, Windsor, (3149) p 3/; Cotley, Cowra, (9045) p 3/4; Keech, Mudgee, (1239) p 4/9 per cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Abel, Tarana, (849) p 3/; Bestwick, Perthville, (359) p 6/ per cwt.

Rye Straw.—From Morrison, Newbridge, (9987) 3/1 per cwt.

Wheat.—Ex Dubbo, (1098) 3/2; ex Darling Harbour, (3482) p 3/9, (3848) p 3/9; Drummond, Lockhart, (9970) p 3/8 per bushel.

Oats.—Ex Darling Harbour, (7170) 1/11, (3276) 2/1½; Green, Greenethorpe, (8913) 1/11½; Cherkin, Brocklesby, (3466) 2/3; Adams, Binalong, (5879) p 1/10½, (4887) p 2/ per bushel.

Potatoes.—From Hop Sing, Wellington, (9427) p 5/; Curtis, Mulgrave, (2791) p 6/11, *7/; Nicholls, Windsor, (1121) 5/2 per cwt.

Onions.—From Wing Yee, Wellington, (9512) 3/9; Fong Lee (1901), picklers 5/2, table p 4/9 per cwt.

VEGETABLES.

Business in this portion of the Belmore markets was quiet on Friday, buyers being inclined to stand off on account of the high prices demanded for vegetables. Pumpkins were particularly scarce, and commanded high prices. Large supplies of French and broad beans were offering, and as a consequence, a decline was noted in the prices obtained for these vegetables. The supply of potatoes was limited, prices, however, remained firm at current rates.

Closing quotations were:—

Cabbages, large 4/, medium 3/, small 1/6; pumpkins, large 20/, medium 12/ to 15/, small 6/; lettuce, 1/; vegetable marrows, 2/6; squashes, 2/, 2/6; cucumbers, large 1/, small /6 per dozen; carrots, 1/; parsnips, 1/8; turnips, 1/; beetroot, /9; leeks, 1/; eschalots, /9; parsley, 1/6; mint, 1/; herbs, 1/; watercress, 2/; spinach, /6; rhubarb, large 2/6, small 1/6; celery, large 2/, small 1/; radishes, /9; horseradish, 10/; asparagus, 6/6; garlic, 3/6 per dozen bunches; Circular Head potatoes (old), 8/6, (new), 9/; Early Rose, new, 9/6; Kidney, 12/; onions, 9/ per cwt; French beans, 2/, inferior 1/; broad beans, 1/; green peas, 5/, inferior 2/; chillies, 8/ per bushel; tomatoes, local, 2/6; Queensland, 1/ per quarter-case.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

There was a good demand for choice fruit at Bathurst-street, but this class was very scarce. The small varieties were still in abundance, and many were practically unsaleable. A scarcity was noted with lemons. Nearly all the recent shipment from Italy was now sold, and for the remaining cases agents were asking an extra 2/6 per case. Queensland pineapples were also lightly stocked, but values were about the same. Bananas were selling better at the reduced prices. An order totalling about 800 to 900 cases was being sent to both Melbourne and Adelaide. A few better class cherries were opening, and brought a 1/ or so more, but there was still an over-supply of small and inferior sorts on the market.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—American: Jonathans, extra heavy 12/ to 15/; Spits, 10/ to 11/; Baldwins, good colour, 14/; Permain, 10/ to 10/6; travensteins, 10/ to 11/; Wagners, 10/ to 11/. Local: Alsop, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6; Lord Nelson, choice 6 /to 7/, medium 3/ to 4/; jam lots, 1/6 per gin-case.

Apricots.—Choice coloured 4/ to 5/, medium 2/6 to 3/ per box; jam lots 3/ per gin-case.

Bananas.—G.M., 10/6 to 11/6 per case, 2/6 to 7/ per bunch. Fiji: 9/6 to 10/6 per case, 1/6 to 6/6 per bunch. Queensland: 7/ to 8/ per case, 1/ to 4/ per bunch.

Cherries.—Victorian: Extra choice black 6/ to 7/; whites, 4/ to 5/6, small 1/ to 2/ per half-imperial bushel-case. Local: Few extra choice to 7/, choice 4/ to 5/, good 2/6 to 3/6 per 12lb box, extra choice 5/, choice 3/ to 4/, small /6 to 1/6 per quarter-case.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian: 2/6 to 3/ per half-case. Local: Choice, 3/6, good 2/6 to 3/ per box.

Lemons.—Local: Choice 15/, medium 8/ to 10/, small 5/ to 6/ per gin-case. Italians up to 17/6 per half-case of about 180 lemons.

Mangoes.—Queensland: Practically unsaleable.

Mandarins.—Second crop: Emperors, choice 10/ to 12/, medium 6/ to 7/, small 2/ to 2/6 per gin-case.

Nectarines.—Choice 3/6 to 4/, medium 2/ to 2/6 per half-case, small 2/ to 2/6 per gin-case.

Oranges.—Local: Choice 9/ to 10/, medium 6/ to 7/, small and rough 2/6 to 3/. Second crop, choice 6/ to 7/, medium 2/6 to 3/, small and rough almost unsaleable; late Valencias, choice 12/ to 13/, medium 7/ to 9/ per gin-case. American: Washington Navels, £1 to £1/1/ per box, containing from 150 to 200. Italian: 12/ per box of 150.

Plums.—Cherry, 5/ to 6/ per gin-case, choice coloured 3/ to 4/, medium 2/6; Angelinas, choice 4/ to 4/6, medium 2/6 to 3/ per box; jam lots, 4/ to 4/6 per gin-case. Japanese: Choice coloured 2/6 to 3/ per half-case, medium 2/6 to 3/ per gin-case. Jam lots 2/6 per gin-case. Black Bullies 5/ to 6/ per gin-case.

Pears.—Jargonelles, choice 4/6 to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case.

Peaches.—Briggs', choice 4/6 to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per box, small 2/ to 3/ per gin-case. China: 2/ to 4/ per gin-case. Hale's Early, choice 4/6 to 5/6, medium 3/ to 3/6 per box. Devlin's red choice 4/ to 4/6, medium 3/, small 1/6 to 2/ per box.

Pineapples.—Queensland: Common, choice 6/ to 8/, small 2/6 to 4/; Ripley Queen, nominal; Queen, 6/ to 7/, good 5/ to 4/, inferior, unsaleable.

Passionfruit.—Queensland: Choice 2/6 to 4/, shrivelled 1/ to 2/ per quarter-case.

Strawberries.—Local: Nominal.

Tomatoes.—Queensland: Unsaleable. Local: Choice 2/6 to 3/, good 1/6 to 2/ per quarter-case, 3/ to 4/ per half-case.

Rockmelons.—Queensland: 2/ to 3/6 per bushel-case, 5/ to 7/6 per double-case.

Red Currants.—Local: 2/ to 2/6 per 12lb box.

Watermelons.—Queensland: Large 12/ to 15/, medium 10/ to 12/ per dozen.

Peanuts.—/5½; walnuts, /6½; almonds, /10; Lychee, /10; and Barcelonas, /8½ per lb.

BELMORE.

It is reported that an excellent demand exists for all citrus fruits. The late shipment of Italian lemons was meeting with a large amount of attention, and commanding good prices. Bananas were much more plentiful than of late, and were moving off steadily at slightly weaker rates. Choice samples of local summer fruits were eagerly sought for at high prices. Mangoes were still very plentiful, nominal prices being accepted. Small consignments of locally-grown red currants were available, and attracted a satisfactory amount of attention. Strawberries are getting scarcer, but have remained firm at late rates.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local—Cooking: 3/ to 4/ per half-case, 5/ to 9/ per gin-case. Alsop's Early, 2/ to 6/ per gin-case. American: From 11/ to 16/ per bushel-case, according to variety.

Apricots.—Local: 2/ to 6/ per gin-case, 1/6 to 5/ per half-case.

Bananas.—Fiji: 14/; 4/6 to 5/ per bunch. Gros Michael, 15/. Queensland: 11/. Cavendish, 4/ to 7/ per case.

Cherries.—Local: Red from 1/6 to 4/, black from 2/6 to 6/ per quarter-case. Victorian: Red from 2/6 to 4/6; black, 4/ to 6/ per half-bushel-case.

Black Plums.—Local: 2/ to 4/6 per half-case, 5/ to 7/ per gin-case. Japanese: 3/ to 5/. Angelinas: Choice from 3/ to 5/ per half-case.

Cucumbers.—Queensland: 1/6 to 3/ per bushel-case.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian: 2/ to 4/. Victorian: 2/ to 3/6. Local: 1/ to 2/6 per quarter-case.

Lemons.—Choice coloured 15/ to 19/, medium 10/ to 12/, rough 8/ per gin-case. Italian: Cases 25/ to 28/, half-cases, 12/6 to 14/6.

Rockmelons.—Queensland: 3/6 to 5/6 per double-case.

Nectarines.—Local: 2/6 to 6/ per half-case.

Oranges.—Extra choice 14/, choice 11/ to 12/, medium 9/ to 10/ per gin-case; second crop, good 5/, choice 6/ to 8/ per gin-case; rough, unsaleable.

Peaches.—Local: Briggs' Red May, 1/6 to 7/; Hayles' Early, 5/ to 7/ per half-case.

Pears.—Jargonelles, 4/ to 6/ per gin-case.

Pineapples.—Common, choice 6/ to 8/; Queens, 10/ per case.

Mangoes.—Queensland: 2/6 per box.

Strawberries.—Local: Choice 9/ to 12/, good 6/, inferior 5/ per dozen-quart punnets, 4/ to 7/ per four-quart box. Hobart: 9/ to 15/ per dozen-quart punnets.

Tomatoes.—Queensland: Good 1/6 to 3/ per quarter-case; rough, unsaleable. Local: 2/6 to 5/ per half-case.

Watermelons.—Queensland: From 10/ to 15/, extra choice to 20/ per dozen.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of December 21, 433 sheep vans and 154 cattle waggons; and for that of December 24, 520 sheep vans and 171 cattle waggons, have been ordered. Order books are closed for cattle waggons up to and including the market of December 27, no dates being available for sheep vans.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, Schute, Bell, and Co., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Sheepskins.—The market ruled firm for sound pelted skins, whilst weevily and station lines were /0½ easier. Quotations:—Merino—Three-quarter to full wools, /5 to /7 per lb; half-wools, /4½ to /5½; short wools, /4 to /5; crossbreds, /5 to /6; lambs, /3½ to /5; pelts, /3½ to /4.

Hides.—Light and Medium weights closed about /¼d per lb lower, whilst heavies were unchanged and firm. Quotations:—Queensland butchers' hides: Heavy weights (60lb up.), /6 and up per lb; medium weights (50lb to 58lb), /5 to /5½d; light medium weights (40lb to 46lb), /5 to /5½; light weights (28lb to 38lb), /4½ to /5½; dry hides, /4½ to /6½d. New South Wales butchers' hides: Extra heavy weights (picked lots), /6½ and up; heavy weights (60lb and up), /5½ to /5¾; medium weights (50lb to 58lb), /4½ to /5; light medium weights (40lb to 46lb), /4½ to /5; light weights (30lb to 38lb), /4½ to /5½; inferior and faulty, /3 to /4; dry hides, /4½ to /6½; bulls, /3½ to /4; calf to 4/9 each; yearlings to 14/; horse hides to 11/.

PROPERTY MARKET.

Towards the end of the year the property market generally becomes quiet, and this year was no exception to the rule. Suburban business was quiet; a few small properties and residences changing hands at fair prices, but the usual attention was given the week-end sites near the seaside.

Arthur Rickard and Co., Limited, report having sold by public auction and privately during the week the following properties:—Eight lots Blytheswood Estate, Turramurra, £747; lots 15 and 16 Cooperabung Estate, Port Macquarie, 270 acres at 50/, £675; lots 31 and 36, section 9, Kensington Estate, £250; lots 2 and 3, section 4, Richland Estate, 4½ acres garden land, £195; lot 27, section 3, and lots 1 and 37, section 3, Nash's Estate, Mortlake, £59; lot 44, section 1, 88 and 89, section 2, Rosemont Estate, Wollongong, £85; lots 8 and 9, Neutral Heights Estate, Neutral Bay, £130; lot 19, section 1, 5½ acres, Bankstown farmlets, Bankstown, £118; lot 23, By-the-Sea Estate, Mona Vale, £19; lot 7 and 8, of subdivision near station, Mittagong, £29; lot 23, section 4, Bestwell Estate, Woy Woy, £18; lot 59, Mount Pleasant Estate, Woy Woy, £26; lot 2 Glenbrook Heights Estate, Glenbrook, £13.

Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., report having sold by auction and private contract during the week the following properties:—Leasehold property, fronting Harris-street, Ultimo, £1000; block of land, fronting Augusta-road, Manly, £520; block of land fronting Gertrude-avenue, Gordon, £275; five allotments of North Manly Estate, Manly, £189; allotment of land fronting Hargrave-street, Paddington, £160; two allotments, fronting Frampton-avenue (M'Gee's estate), Marrickville, £110; allotment of land fronting Manson-street, Strathfield, £118; two allotments of land, Eastwood Township Extension Estate, £60; allotment, Martin's Estate, Lewisham, £48.

Messrs. Hugh Duff and Co. report having sold by public auction and private treaty:—Block of land, Clanville-road, Roseville, £300; cottage, Malvern-avenue, Chatswood, £400; block of land, Clanville-road, Roseville, £300; cottage villa, Chatswood, £450; block of land and small cottage, Macquarie-street, Chatswood, £55; residence and grounds, Wollstonecraft, £2250; residence, Greenwich, £1385; block of land, Roseville £300. Total sales, £5450.

Messrs. D. J. M'Intyre and Co. report the sales of the Royston Park Estate, Hornsby, to the extent of £920 for seven blocks. Several further sales are pending, totalling about £1200, including the homestead.

FORTHCOMING SALES.

Five Dock.—Messrs. Raine and Horne are selling by auction, on the ground, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Wymston Park Estate, Five Dock, on the Abbotsford-road just beyond Lyons-road and within a few minutes' walk of the Abbotsford wharf and baths. The allotments are all good building blocks and front Irene-street, Reginald-street, Cecil-street, and Wymston-parade. The title is Torrens, and the terms exceptionally easy, being £1 per lot deposit, and the balance by £1 per lot per month; interest 5 per cent. A brick cottage standing on the subdivision will also be offered.

Rose Bay.—About seven minutes from the North Bondi surf-bathing beach is the Rawson Estate, which will be sold this afternoon, at 3, on the ground, by Mr. Arthur Blackwood. There are 90 large allotments, with deep frontages. The terms are easy, and the title is Torrens.

Woy Woy.—Messrs. Hugh Duff and Co. are submitting some good property for auction on Boxing Day at Woy Woy. Among the offerings are some week-end resorts, sites for boarding establishments, and a number of choice residential properties.

Stanwell Park.—On Boxing Day Messrs. Henry F. Halloran and Co. will sell some good allotments on Bald Hill. Two sales are to take place—one at 11.30 in the morning and the other in the afternoon at 3. The property is in a good position, with splendid views, and the blocks are level. The terms are very satisfactory.

Cronulla.—On Boxing Day Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd., are offering the Tramway Estate, which comprises 107 quarter-acres. The land fronts the proposed tram route between Sutherland station and Cronulla, and is perfectly level and close to the ocean beach.

Cronulla.—On New Year's afternoon Messrs. G. H. Mobbs and Co. will hold an auction sale of 20 splendid blocks, close to the beach and near to the new tram. Some good allotments can be obtained for enthusiastic fishermen. There are extended terms, with a Torrens title.

Brookvale and Pittwater.—At 12 o'clock on New Year's Day Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd., will offer the Tram Estate, at Brookvale, which is just outside Manly. The property is off the main road and close to the new tram terminus. Afterwards, at about 2.30, they will then submit, at Pittwater, the Church Point Estate, where capital week-end sites can be obtained.

MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

An extremely quiet market ruled yesterday morning, with a restricted amount of business recorded. The state of things may be judged by the fact that for the first time this year not one sale of silver scrip was reported in the morning. Copper stocks were not much better, only two being dealt in, namely, Mount Morgan, on time conditions, and Kyloe Copper, at 11/3, an advance of /3. Gold stocks were represented by weak transactions in East Mexicans, New B. Freeholds, and Chaffers. In tin shares, Vulcan Tin changed hands at 3/.

The only thing noticeable in a dull afternoon was a firm demand for and steady sales in Kyloe Copper, consequent on a good report from the mine. B. H. Souths, contg., sold at a steady price.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	0 1 10	0 2 6
Chillagoe, contributing	0 4 8	..
Grafton	1 0 0	1 6 0
Kyloe	0 11 2	0 11 4½
Ditto, preference	0 8 0	..
Lloyd Copper	..	0 3 8
Lobb's Hole	0 10 0	0 10 9
Ditto, contributing	..	0 11 0
M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 4 10	..
Mount Elliott	..	3 10 0
Mount Molloy	0 7 4	0 8 0
Ditto, paid	..	0 11 0
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 5 4	0 5 9
Queen Bee	0 5 0	0 5 6
Rosebourne	..	0 3 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	..	1 19 0
TIN.		
Gilmore	0 1 0	0 1 10
Vulcan	..	0 3 1
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 17 0	..
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 19 0	2 0 6
Ditto, Block 10	3 0 6	3 6 0
Ditto, preference	0 12 0	0 13 0
B. H. Junction	0 2 9	0 2 10
B. H. Junction North	1 6 6	..
B. H. North	2 19 0	3 1 0
B. H. South	4 3 0	4 4 0
B. H. South, contributing	3 13 6	3 14 6
B. H. South Blocks	1 4 0	1 5 0
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 8 0	0 9 0
Zinc Corporation, ordinary	..	0 7 0
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	—	0 2 0
Gold Hill	—	0 5 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 3 6
Harden	1 9 6	1 11 0
Harden Central, paid	0 0 8	0 1 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 8
Harden West	0 3 6	0 4 6
Ditto, contributing	0 1 6	0 2 0
Mount David	0 1 0	—
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 0 6	0 0 9
Occidental	—	0 0 9
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 2 3	..
Araluen Central	0 2 9	0 3 2
Associated Gold Dredging	—	0 3 9
Cope's Creek	—	0 7 0
Elrington	—	0 2 3
Jembaicumbene	0 1 8	..
New Wylie Creek	0 2 9	0 4 0
Ovens Valley	0 5 0	..
Reform Tin, paid	—	0 2 6
Tewksbury Amalgamated	1 7 6	..
Tewksbury Proprietary, contg.	0 4 6	..
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	1 14 0	..
Queensland.		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 4 9	0 5 6
Brilliant Central	0 3 9	0 4 0
Brilliant Extended, contributing	—	0 8 0
East Mexican, paid	0 5 0	..
Kelly's Queen Block	—	0 2 2
Mount Morgan	3 6 0	3 7 6
Queen Cross Reef (new)	0 1 2	..
Ruby	—	0 3 3
Victory	0 1 9	0 1 9½
Gympie.		
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	—	0 5 4
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 0 11	..
North Smithfield	—	0 4 6
Peter and Paul, contributing	0 0 4	..
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 0 5	0 1 6
South Great Eastern, No. 2	0 2 0	0 2 10
Western Australia.		
Associated	—	1 6 9
Black Range	2 5 6	..
Chaffer's	0 7 7	0 7 11
Great Boulder	1 7 6	1 9 6
Ditto, Main Reef	0 6 6	0 7 0
Ditto, No. 1	0 9 6	0 10 0
Ditto, Perseverance	0 8 0	0 9 6
Kalgurli	2 0 0	..
Ditto, London register	0 2 3	0 2 11½
Kalgurli South	0 15 0	0 16 3
Lake View Consols, L.R.	1 3 0	1 4 3
Lake View South	..	0 2 6
Sandstone Development	0 7 9	0 8 0

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Mount Morgan, six weeks, 66/; Kyloe Copper, 11/3, one month, 11/6.

Silver.—Nil.

Gold.—New Hillgrove Proprietary, /9; East Mexican (paid), 5/2; ditto (contg). 4/3, 4/6; Peter and Paul (contg). /4; Chaffer's, 7/10; New B. Freehold, 23/6.

Tin.—Vulcan Tin, 3/.

AFTERNOON.

Copper: Kyloe Copper, 11/3, 11/4½; Mount Morgans, six weeks, 66/9; Chillagoe, contg., one month 5/.

Silver: B.H. Junction, 2/10; B.H. South, contg. 74/6; B. H. Block 10, 62/9.

Gold: No. 3 N. Columbia, 1/10; Lake View Consols, 24/; South Kalgurli, 16/; Chaffers, 7/10.

MINING NOTES.

The Brilliant Extended Company (Charters Towers) has washed up a crushing of 4450 tons of ore, for a yield of gold worth £10,251. The monthly profit was £3374.

London quotations, dated December 17, received by the B. H. Proprietary, give the following buying prices:—Silver, 1/10 5-16; lead, £13/2/6; company's shares, 39/6; spelter, £20/15/.

The directors of the Broken Hill South Company have declared a dividend of 2s per share, payable on January 28. This means a disbursement of £20,000, and raises the dividends paid to 61/6 per share, or a total sum of £615,000.

MOUNT MORGAN COMPANY.

HALF-YEAR'S PROFIT, £135,250.

The balance-sheet of the Mount Morgan Gold-mining Company, Limited, for the half-year ended 30th ult. shows that, taking the unsold copper at £50 per ton, the profits for the half-year amount to £135,250 12s 10d, including the balance of £3421 18s brought forward from last account. After providing for the dividend of £50,000 paid in October last, and £23,981 8s depreciation of machinery, a balance of £61,269 4s 10d remains. Out of this sum the directors have authorised the payment of a dividend of 1s per share on January 2 next, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £11,269 4s 10d. It is expected that the plant will, by the end of January, be working at the same capacity as before the last accident.

ELECTROLYTIC REFINING AND SMELTING COMPANY.

WORK COMMENCES IN JANUARY.

The annual general meeting of the above company was held yesterday, at the head office, Pitt-street. Mr. W. R. Hall presided.

The directors' report, which was adopted, stated that "during the year calls amounting to 44s per share was made on the capital of the company, all of which was received. The share capital paid up now amounts to £75,000. The debenture capital will be £100,000, of which sum £50,000 has been paid. The plant, which is now almost completed, will be in operation early next month. It has been built upon the most modern design, carefully thought out at Mount Morgan by Captain Richard and the manager, Mr. B. Magnus, provision having been made for enlargement, when needed, at a reasonable expenditure. It is confidently expected that the superiority of the works will be appreciated by all producers of blister copper, matte, ore, and gold concentrates. The direct benefit of the industry to those interested in such products is obvious." The report was adopted. Messrs. James Robertson and H. Russell Crane and Co. were elected auditors. It was stated that material for treatment was arriving at Port Kembla, and that the works would commence operations immediately after the holidays.

MINING IN THE STATE.

GUNDAGAI, Friday.

Roper Brothers put through 5½ tons of stone from the Exploration mine, Reno, for a yield of 19oz 15dwt of gold. C. C. Halker treated mullock from the Prince mine, Reno, and recovered 39oz for a five-week's run.

MOUNT BISCHOFF MINE.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

An improvement has taken place in the condition of the north alluvial faces of the Mount Bischoff, and increased quantities of crush dirt have been received from them. All the batteries are fully employed.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday, Broken Hill Proprietary shares were quoted, b 38/9, s 41/3.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, 24/6, b 24/4½, s 24/9; Northern, 12/6, b 12/4½, s 12/7½; Boulder Deep, b 4/10, s 5/1; Perseverance, 8/1, b 8/1, s 8/2; Chaffer's, 7/11, b 7/11, s 8/; Boulders, 28/9, b 28/9, s 28/10½; ditto No. 1, paid, b 9/3, s 9/9; Golden Ridge, 23/, b 22/9, s 23/; Golden Links, 6/; Hannan's Star, 6/11, 6/10, b 6/10, s 6/11; Lake View, 24/, 23/6, b 23/10½, s 24/; Main Reef, 6/9, 6/10, b 6/8, s 6/10; Mararoa, 18/9, 19/3, 19/, b 18/10½, s 19/3; North Kalgurli, 2/9, 2/7, 2/7½, b 2/7, s 2/8; Melton, 3/, 3/1½; Oroya, b 17/, s 18/; Princess, 1/8; Gwalia South, b 35/, s 35/9; South Kalgurli, 16/, 15/9, b 15/8, s 16/; Waihi, 2/1, 2/0½, 2/1½, b 2/1½, s 2/2.

Silver: Broken Hill Proprietary, 40/6, b 40/6, s 40/9; Block 14, pref, 11/9, 11/6, b 11/9, s 12/3; Zincs, b 5/4½, s 13/; British (old), 18/, s 17/10½, s 18/1½; Junctions, 2/8, b 2/8, s 2/9; Broken Hill Norths, b 60/6, s 64/; Souths, paid, 85/, b 84/6, s 85/6; ditto, contg., b 73/6, s 75/; South Blocks, b 24/7½, s 25/; Junction North, 26/3, b 27/4½, s 26/9.

Copper: Burra, 1/7, b 1/6, s 1/10; Chillagoe, 6/, b 5/11, s 6/1; ditto, contg., 5/, b 4/11, s 5/1; Elliott's, 69/, b 67/6, s 68/6; Molloys, b 7/1, 7/9; Einasleigh, 11/6, b 11/, s 12/6; Mungana, b 5/6, s 5/9; Kyloe, b 10/10½, s 11/6; O.K., 4/8¼, 4/6, b 4/5, s 4/6; Wallaroo, b 38/9, s 39/.

BENDIGO, Friday.

Catherine Reef United, 21/3, 22/, sales 22/, 22/9; Clarence United, s 10/; Collmann and Tacchi, 6/8, 6/; sales 6/7½; Cornish United, £5, £6; Goldfield Consol, 4/3 5/3; Great Extended Hustlers, s 10/6; Horwoods and Burrowes, 4/10½, 5/1½; Johnson's Reef, 10/6, 12/6; Koch's Pioneer, s 12/; New Argus, 3/11, 4/6; New Chum Goldfields, 7/, 7/4½, sales 6/9, 7/1½; New Moon, 32/6, 45/; North New Moon, 6/9, 7/9; South New Moon, 25/6, 28/; Specimen Hill, 14/6, 16/, sales 14/3; Suffolk United, 8/, 8/4½, sales 8/3; The Langdon, 2/; Virginia, 54/, 57/.

BRISBANE, Friday.

To-day's sales were:—Bonnie Dundee (forward), 5/3, 5/3½, 5/4; New Brilliant Freeholds, 23/9; East Mexican, contg., 4/3; do., paid, 5/4, 5/6; Chillagoe, contg., 4/10, 4/11½.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Friday.

To-day's quotations were:—Brilliant, 3/9, 3/11; Central, 4/, 4/1; Bonnie, 5/3, 5/5; Deeps, 1/8, 1/11; Extended, 7/10, 8/; paid, 9/3, 9/9; Worcester, paid, /10, 1/1; Mines, 1/, 1/3; Mexican, 4/9, 5/; paid, 5/9, 6/; Alexandra, /2, /3; paid, /9, 1/1; Marshalls, 1/4, 1/7; Mills, 14/7, 14/10; Freeholds, 23/9, 24/; Cross, /10, 1/1; Central, paid, b 1/2; Ruby, b 1/6; paid, b 2/6; Caledonia, 1/1, 1/3.

Sales: Bonnie, 5/4; Brilliant, 3/10; Central, 4/; Block, 4/1; Extended, 7/6, 7/10; Mexican, 4/3, 4/10; Freehold, 23/9.

GYMPIE, Friday.

Quotations:—No. 1 N. Columbia, s 5/6; No. 2 N. Columbia, 16/, 19/; No. 3 N. Columbia, 1/11, 2/3; Columbia Extended, 7/, 7/6; Columbia Consolidated, b 1/6; Great Northern, 2/3, 3/2; Homeward Bound and Hibernian, s /10; Oriental and Glanmire, s 1/6; No. 1 North Oriental, b 1/; East Oriental, s 5/6; Peter and Paul, b /2; Starcke United, paid, /8, /11; No. 1 N. Victory, s 5/6.

LAUNCESTON, Friday.

Quotations:—Tasmania, b 5/, s 6/6; Victoria Zeehan, b /6, s 1/; Hercules, b 8/6, s 9/7½; Tasmanian Copper, b 5/8½, s 5/10; Mount Bischoff, b £34/12/6, s £35; Mutual Hill, b /2½.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

To-day's sales and quotations:—

Silver: B.H. Block 10, 62/3, b 61/, s 63/; Block 14 (pref.), 11/9, 11/4½, b 11/3, s 11/9; British (old), b 17/3, s 18/; Broken Hill, 40/3, b 40/, s 41/; Junction North, 26/3, b 26/, s 26/3; South, contg., b 73/, s 74/; ditto, paid, 84/, b 83/6, s 84/; South Blocks, b 24/6, s 24/9; New White Leads, s /4½; North Broken Hill, b 59/6, s 61/.

Copper: Mount Lyell, 36/4½, b 36/, s 36/9; Chillagoe, 6/, b 6/1, s 6/3; Hampden, 10/1, 10/3, b 10/1, s 10/3; Macgregor, 5/2, b 5/, s 5/4; Mount Cuthbert, b 4/9, s 5/9; Mount Elliott, 69/, 67/6, 68/, b 68/, s 68/6; Mount Molloy, b 7/3, s 8/; Mungana, b 5/6, s 5/9; O.K. Copper (Adelaide register), 4/6, b 4/5, s 4/7; Mount Morgan, 66/, b 66/.

Tin: Bischoff Extended, 20/6, b 20/6, s 20/; Briseis, b 7/3, s 7/6; ditto Extended, b 60/; Cope's Creek Central, b 6/, s 9/; Stannum Lode, s 3/6; ditto, paid, s 3/6; Tingha Consolidated, 1/9, b 1/8½, s 1/9.

Victorian gold mines: Cassilis, 11/6, b 11/3, s 12/3; Cathcart, 5/, b 5/2, s 5/4; Catherine Reef, 21/9, 21/3, b 21/, s 21/4½; Central Cookman's, 2/6, b 2/, s 2/6; Long Tunnel, b £5/1/, s £5/8/; ditto Extended, £11/8/, b £11/3/, s £12; New Chum Goldfields, 6/9, b 6/9, s 8/; New Dempsey, 10/3, b 10/, s 10/3; New Loch Fyne, 6/6, b 6/4, s 6/7; Nuggetty Ajax, 1/3, 1/3, b 1/2, s 1/3; Star of the East, 3/3, b 3/3, s 3/4; Victor's Quartz, 3/3, 3/1, s 3/2.

Western Australian gold mines: Barrambie Ranges, 3/, 3/4, b 3/2; Black Range, 46/, b 45/, s 46/6; ditto Kohinoor, b 3/4, s 4/6; Chaffer's, 7/10, b 7/9, s 7/11; Great Boulder, b 28/7½, s 29/1½; ditto Main Reef, b 6/3; ditto Perseverance, b 8/, s 8/4; ditto No. 1, s 10/; Havilah, b 7/9, s 8/3; Hannan's Star, b 6/7, s 7/; Lake View Consols, 23/9, b 23/9, s 25/; Mararoa, 19/, 19/3, b 18/6, s 20/; Marvel Loch, s /10; ditto, paid, b 1/3, s 1/9; Sandstone Development, s 8/3; South Kalgurli, s 16/3; Tindal's, b 19/, s 21/.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Band of Hope (Charters Towers), December 11:—At the No. 10 level on the 982ft formation, main underlie shaft sunk 12ft, and showing 18in of medium quality stone. No. 9 E level: Winze being sunk on wall vein, reef averaging 8in of good quality stone. Back stopes show 4in of good quality stone. Crushed 51½ tons; gross proceeds, £149/9/3.

Victory (Charters Towers), December 12:—No. 4 shaft, 422ft formation: Stopes over No. 2 north level 3in to 7in, quality fair. Stopes over No. 2 south level 2in to 7in, quality fair; raised 25 tons. No. 1 shaft: Stopes over 10 south level 4in to 8in, quality fair; raised 25 tons. Papuan reef: Winze from No. 11 south level 10in, quality fair; raised 15 tons. Stopes under No. 6 west level 3in to 8in, quality medium; raised 7 tons.

EGG-LAYING.

"HERALD" AND "MAIL" THIRD ANNUAL TEST.

This being the season when most hens go broody, those at the above egg-laying competition are proving no exception, Messrs. Stewart Brothers reporting that not only Orpingtons and Wyandottes are contributing large numbers of sitters, but a fair proportion of Leghorns and a few Minorcas are showing broody tendencies.

Despite this, the laying is continuing good, 1527 eggs being produced in the seven days ending last evening. Messrs. Barnard's and Turner's white Leghorns did best for the week, each pen laying 36. So few eggs separate the leading dozen pens that the positions now change every week; Langshans, Leghorns, Wyandottes, and Orpingtons all figure in the leading 11 pens. Appended are the totals to last evening:—

	To-Dec. 18.	Ttl.
Wonga Farm, W. Leghorns	30	1028
Mrs. A. Powell, W. Leghorns	27	1006
William White, Langshans	30	999
H. R. Turner, W. Leghorns	36	996
A. F. Emmott, S. Wyandottes	29	986
Fletcher Bros., W. Leghorns	30	985
H. Hammill, W. Leghorns	29	983
Mrs. A. D. Craig, W. Leghorns	22	982
George Glass, Langshans	25	966
Mrs. Ardill, W. Leghorns	20	947
W. Mann, B. Orpingtons	27	941
E. R. Reynolds, B. Orpingtons	30	926
Robert Farrar, W. Leghorns	31	912
Wharepaka Yards, W. Leghorns	29	911
William Barnard, W. Leghorns	36	908
J. Hynes, W. Leghorns	25	905
Kent Farm, W. Leghorns	31	904
Albert Warnes, W. Leghorns	22	903
W. H. Boyle, W. Leghorns	31	901
S. Gordon, Langshans	25	898
Mrs. Mackie, B. Orpingtons	16	888
T. Lawrence, W. Leghorns	21	888
A. F. Emmott, W. Leghorns	25	886
H. R. Turner, Minorcas	28	874
C. Pauwels, W. Leghorns	26	864
H. A. Jones, B. Orpingtons	30	864
L. L. Ramsay, W. Leghorns	26	857
S. Ellis, W. Leghorns	22	853
A. R. Kennedy, B. Orpingtons	22	849
Mrs. Snowden, B. Orpingtons	28	846
Strathdon Farm, B. Leghorns	28	841
George Glass, B. Orpingtons	27	832
C. Barnes, S. Wyandottes	28	838
R. Blackburn, W. Leghorns	28	829
Mrs. Mackie, W. Leghorns	21	824
J. Gamble, B. Orpingtons	24	820
J. A. Salter, Andalusians	28	812
William Wexted, W. Leghorns	31	816
C. Barnes, W. Leghorns	35	801
Cowan Bros., B. Orpingtons	25	789
W. F. Doyle, W. Leghorns	22	788
Cowan Bros., W. Leghorns	23	779
Ernest E. Stead, W. Leghorns	34	764
G. Wright, B. Orpingtons	26	762
D. R. Staples, W. Leghorns	25	761
Norman Read, B. Orpingtons	22	749
Ernest E. Stead, S. Wyandottes	19	734
Scott Bros., S. Wyandottes	19	729
John Craig, W. Leghorns	23	727
W. A. Pugh, Langshans	27	722
Kent Farm, B. Orpingtons	20	707
William Brown, S. Wyandottes	23	696
C. Pugh, W. Orpingtons	18	677
Borambil Yards, W. Leghorns	27	674
John Craig, B. Orpingtons	22	673
William White, W. Orpingtons	22	664
W. Haydon, W. Leghorns	24	656
Mrs. W. F. Doyle, S. Wyandottes	16	604
Kent Farm, Andalusians	20	581
Mrs. Wilkins, W. Leghorns	22	509

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

A. BLACKWOOD.—On the Ground, Rose Bay, Rawson Estate.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At Town Hall Stores, Canterbury, at 3, Land.

J. F. HEGERTY.—On the Ground, Banksia, at 2.30, Houses and Land.

RAINE and HORNE.—On the Ground, Five Dock, at 3, Wymston Park Estate.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At Town Hall Stores, Canterbury, at 11, Groceries, Drapery, Clothing, etc; at 2, Organ, Furniture, etc.; at 3, Agricultural Implements, Ironmongery, etc.

J. M. CANTY.—At 300 Elizabeth-street, at 10.30, Grocery and Confectionery Business, etc.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, and HAWKINS.—At Innesfall, Pennant Hills-road, at 11, Piano, Furniture, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2.30, Furniture, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At the Rooms, at 10, Bicycle, Ice Chests, Tools, Furniture, etc; at 12.30, Pianos.

R. KING.—At Burwood, at 3, Watches, Furniture, etc.

D. and W. BAINES.—At 1 National-street, Leichhardt, at 2.30, Furniture, etc.

J. JOHNSON.—At 14 Lackey-street, Summer Hill, at 3, Furniture, etc.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

DENT and PERRY.—At Redfern Station, at 9.15, Hay, Straw, Chaff, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At the Town Hall Stores, Canterbury, at 3, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DENT and PERRY.—At Newtown, at 7, Wood, etc; at Darling Harbour, at 8, Wood, etc.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Local racegoers will be catered for this afternoon at headquarters, where the Australian Jockey Club holds its December meeting; Victorian sportsmen assemble at Aspendale Park; while the Brisbane Jockey Club will provide sport in the northern capital.

Berber was yesterday struck out of the Trial Handicap in connection with the A.J.C. December meeting.

Cooma Race Club (February 17 and 18) and Walcha Race Club (January 26) race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Wha Hae and Veronica were yesterday withdrawn from Tattersall's Club Cup.

The conditions for the Challenge Stakes and Anniversary Handicap, the principal events of the Anniversary meeting of the Australian Jockey Club, to be held at Randwick on the 23rd and 26th proximo, are announced. The Challenge Stakes, to be run over six furlongs, is endowed with 400 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 8 sovs each; and the Anniversary Handicap, to be decided over a mile and a half, carries 500 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each. Entries must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, before 4 p.m. on Monday next.

The programme for the New Year's Day meeting of the Kurrajong Trotting Club is announced in this issue, and owners and trainers should bear in mind that entries for the seven events on the card close with the honorary secretary, Mr. C. M. Pitt, Sunnyside, North Richmond, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd instant. The prize-money totals £45. Arrangements have been made for a service of 'buses to run between the railway station, Richmond, and the racecourse, and metropolitan visitors will be in ample time, by travelling in the 9 a.m. train from Sydney, starting on the return journey from Richmond at 7.15 p.m.

Nominations for the half-dozen items on the programme for the Boxing Day meeting of the Moss Vale Jockey Club close with the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Johnson, to-day.

The New Zealand gelding Motoa, by Conqueror, who arrived at Melbourne last week, consigned to D. J. Price, of Mordialloc, has been purchased by Mr. E. Manifold, and will be trained by Price.

The hurdle-racer Enchanted States is at present spelling at Sunbury (Vic.).

The Wilton Park-bred Royal Princess, by Haut Brion (imp.) from Royal Purple, won the Flying Handicap at Lancefield (Vic.) on Wednesday. The mare is closely related to the Melbourne Cup winners Lord Cardigan and Lord Nolan, as her dam, Royal Purple, is by Nordenfeldt from The Queen, by The Drummer (imp.) from Black Swan, by Yattendon. Royal Princess cost 75 guineas as a yearling, and her best previous effort was in the A.N.A. Welter Purse, which she won at Williamstown in January last.

The two-year-old colt Captain White, by Flavus (imp.) from Chutney, who earned a couple of winning brackets in the early part of the current season, has returned to Mark Whitty's stable after a spell.

Herova, a son of Hova and Hera, has joined A. Skirving's team at Flemington.

Mr. J. Denmeade, secretary to the Wollongong Jockey Club, invites entries up to 4 p.m. on Monday for events of the Yuletide Meeting on Tuesday, the 29th inst, and for which £135 prize money is provided. The club has adopted the 10s nomination fee, and no acceptance.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. announce in this issue an important sale of thoroughbred stock at their yards, Randwick, on the 28th inst.

The first race meeting of the New Year on the suburban tracks takes place at Warwick Farm on January 2, and a six-event programme has been arranged. The prize money totals £350, and the 10s entrance fee will be the maximum of cost to horseowners. Entries will be received by the secretary, Mr. P. A. Oatly, up to 4 p.m. on Monday, and the weights are promised a week later.

Mr. L. Foran, who has supervised the formation of the Rosebery race track, and the erection of the buildings on the racecourse, has severed his connection with the management, and in recognition of his services the club has given him a handsome honorarium.

The New South Wales Trotting Club is in the field with the programme for its next meeting on the Epping Racecourse on the 28th inst. The five events carry £100 prize money, and entries will be received by the secretary, Mr. R. C. Hungerford, up to 9 p.m. on Monday.

The Candelo Turf Club is out with the programme for the annual races on January 6. The sum of £70 prize money is available for distribution over half a dozen items on the card.

Mr. J. Jolly, in this issue, announces the January reunion of the Moorefield Racing Club, on January 9. The half-dozen items are endowed with £450 prize money, and the 10s entrance fee will be in vogue. Entries close at 4 p.m. on 28th inst, and the weights will appear a week later.

Our Broken Hill correspondent yesterday wired:—The Broken Hill Jockey Club and the Licensed Victuallers' Racing Club have both agreed to the erection of a new members' and officials' stand on the racecourse. Other improvements involving a large expenditure are contemplated.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

DECEMBER MEETING.

The midsummer racing campaign at Randwick commences to-day, when the Australian Jockey Club holds its December meeting, and the bill of fare to be discussed during the afternoon should bring about high-class racing. The rainfall on Thursday evening improved the going, and the course and surroundings look well, considering the long spell of dry weather. The usual transit service will be in vogue, special trams running from Circular Quay, via Oxford-street, and from the Railway station, via Cleveland-street, direct to the racecourse at short intervals.

The sport commences at 1.30 p.m. with the Trial Stakes, in which the prospects of Merit, Flavinius, Blue Garments, and Call Boy seem the brightest, and the numbers may be hoisted for Flavinius, Call Boy, and Merit. An interesting contest is promised for the Villiers Stakes, for which 15 have cried content, and Virtu, who heads the list with 8st 9lb, must have a say in the settlement of affairs. Plunder, who follows, with 8st 6lb, has also been left with a good chance, and the same may be said of Proportion. Rose Ray reads nicely with 7st 11lb, and, on the same mark, Luciana should have a look in. On recent form, Miss Bass must be very hard to beat, King Bee should run well, and Leuron appears to be in it up to his bridle tips. A great finish may be anticipated, in which Virtu, Plunder, Rose Ray, Luciana, Miss Bass, King Bee, and Leuron should play most prominent parts, and Leuron, Miss Bass, and Virtu may pass the judge as named. A number of well-bred youngsters are engaged in the Nursery Handicap, and the most likely to fight out the final stage of the battle are Curry, Shaftesbury, Grist, and Sucre, while Grist, Shaftesbury, and Curry may fill the places. War Bee, Welcome Trist, Plunder, and Florance should have the settlement of the Grand Stand Stakes among them, and, if reserved for it, Plunder must be very hard to beat, while in his absence the situations may be occupied by War Bee, Welcome Trist, and Florance. Fez, Graftnot, Rhoebus, and Malteur read the best of the candidates for the Holiday Handicap, and the judge may declare for Graftnot, Malteur, and Rhoebus; while Exsul, Hermes, Hildebrook, and Saki should have most to say towards the finish of the Highweight Handicap, and Exsul, Saki, and Hermes may pass the post as named.

The programme is subjoined:—

TRIAL STAKES, 6f.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Borodino	9	7	Nyora	7	4
Irishman	9	7	Volga	7	2
Submarine	8	13	Diplomatist	7	2
Metal King	8	9	Blue Garments	7	0
Merv Loch	8	6	Antium	7	0
Merit	8	6	Grand Vitesse	7	0
Myra Bluan	8	6	Ungarie	7	0
Hope Royal	8	6	Airs and Graces	6	12
Barley Water	8	2	Loyal Blue	6	10
Gruffire	8	0	Ziria	6	10
Comus	8	0	Call Boy	6	10
Flavinius	7	12	Warline	6	10
Ell	7	11	Oria	6	10
Alibi	7	10	Dorcus	6	10
Boomey	7	10	Porter	6	10
Eris	7	9	Lord Howard	6	10
All Blue	7	7	Latitude	6	10
Lactin	7	7	The Empire	6	7
Elsa	7	7	Storey	6	7
Bonnie Hampton	7	4	Midwee	6	7
Judicious	7	4			

VILLIERS STAKES, 1m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Virtu	8	9	Ismalia	7	8
Plunder	8	6	Black Mark	7	8
Lady Ruenalf	8	6	Miss Bass	7	7
Lord Beauchamp	8	4	King Bee	7	4
Proportion	8	2	Leuron	7	2
Rose Ray	7	11	Myra Bluan	7	0
Luciana	7	11	Chamade	6	7
Coppertop	7	9			

NURSERY HANDICAP.—5f.

Lady San	9	5	Sequarious	7	10
Apple Pie	9	2	Brig O'Doon	7	10
Curry	9	0	Chlorite	7	9
Maltchester	9	0	Crown Derby	7	9
Shaftesbury	8	12	Mid East	7	9
Sucre	8	12	Terala	7	9
Kuringai	8	6	Flavigny	7	7
Grist	8	0	Scotch Pie	7	7
Patronatus	8	0	Palm Olive	7	7
Lord Hampton	8	0	By Play	7	7
San Pedro	7	12	Maltster's Daughter	7	7
Nadir	7	10	Squires	7	7
Golden City	7	10	Guiseppina	7	4
Gravelotte	7	10	Strathdoon	7	4
Potosi	7	10	Kiltie	7	2
Illinois	7	10			

GRANDSTAND STAKES, 1m 1f.

Aragain	8	8	Plunder	8	5
Mentmore	8	8	Decollette	8	5
Florance	8	8	Neith	8	0
War Bee	8	8	Epois	8	0
Oboe	8	5	Lady Ruenalf	8	0
Thrust	8	5	Salvadora	7	5
Welcome Trist	8	5	Trenchmore	7	5
Proportion	8	5	Leuron	7	5

HOLIDAY HANDICAP.—1¼m.

Pharos	9	5	Graftnot	7	4
Welcome Trist	9	0	Rhoebus	7	3
Lord Fitzroy	8	12	Contango	7	2
Plunder	8	9	Malteur	6	11
Gaby	8	9	Adriatic	6	11
Fez	8	4	Rocklight	6	7
Wee Laddie	8	1	Banquo	6	7
Yabba Gabba	8	1	Mordialloc	6	7
Karanaud	7	13	Martagon Cross	6	7
King Bee	7	7			

HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP.—1m.

War Bee	11	4	H. C.	9	2
Decolette	11	2	Victoria Cross	9	2
Exsul	10	10	Rouble	9	0
Black Mark	10	7	Hildebrook	8	13
Clarando	10	6	Host	8	7
Belfry	10	6	Autumn	8	7
Guarantee	9	12	Saki	8	7
Camera	9	10	Wha Hae	8	7
Hermes	9	5	Rayner	8	7

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GILGANDRA RACES.

GILGANDRA, Friday.

The weights for the two principal events to be run at the Gilgandra Boxing Day races are:—

Castlereagh Handicap.—Bowra, 9st 9lb; Redleaf, 9st 7lb; Hamlet, 8st 7lb; Trent, 8st 5lb; Wonga, 8st 3lb; Norseman, 8st; Olive, 7st 12lb; Swanson, 7st; Maturee, 6st 12lb.

Gilgandra Handicap.—Bowra, 9st 7lb; Trent, 8st 3lb; Wonga, 8st 1lb; Norseman, 7st 12lb; Olive, 7st 10lb; Swanson, 6st 12lb; Maturee, 6st 10lb.

WARIALDA AMATEUR RACE CLUB.

WARIALDA, Friday.

The following nominations have been received for the principal events of the Christmas Amateur races:—

Boxing Day Handicap.—Blue Bonnet, Blue Light, Dr. Mack, Black Prince, Mistral.

Summer Handicap.—Blue Bonnet, Dr. Mack, Black Prince, Mistral, Figure Eight, Boobah, Lady Helen.

CRICKET.

LOCAL COMPETITIONS.

The sixth round of matches under the N.S.W. C.A. will be concluded to-day. The first grade fixtures stand as follow:—

Glebe, 8 for 262, at Balmain.
Central Cumberland, 379, v Redfern, 2 for 29.
Gordon, 102, v Waverley, 4 for 136.
Burwood, 161, v Petersham, 7 for 65.
Sydney, 220, v North Sydney, 2 for 79.
Paddington, 218, v Middle Harbour, 6 for 109.

The engagements are:—

N.S.W. v South Australia, at Adelaide.

First Grade.

Sydney v North Sydney, at North Sydney Oval. Umpires, W. J. Bruton and R. Callaway.

Burwood v Petersham, at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2. Umpires, Messrs. Curran and Caswell.

Redfern v Central Cumberland, at Redfern Oval. Umpires, Messrs. French and Jones.

Gordon v Waverley, at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1. Umpires, Messrs. Roffey and G. Nicholls.

Balmain v Glebe, at Wentworth Park. Umpires, Messrs. Menhennick and Lewis.

Middle Harbour v Paddington, at Manly. Umpires, Messrs. Lucas and Laing.

University, a bye.

Second Grade.

Gordon v Sydney, at Rushcutter Bay.
Waverley v Paddington, at Waverley.
University v Petersham, at University.
Burwood v Central Cumberland, at Burwood.
Leichhardt v Redfern, at Leichhardt.
Randwick v Middle Harbour, at Randwick.
Glebe v Newtown, at Alexandria.
North Sydney v Mosman, at Mosman.
Balmain, a bye.

Third Grade.

Paddington v Randwick, at Hampden Park.
Central Cumberland v Glebe, at Parramatta.
North Sydney v Mosman, at Birchgrove No. 1.
Leichhardt v Redfern, at Birchgrove No. 2.
Gordon v Middle Harbour, at Chatswood.
Petersham v Balmain, at Petersham.
Newtown v University, at Erskineville.
Waverley v Sydney, at Waverley No. 2.
Central Cumberland, a bye.

INTERSTATE SCHOOLS' MATCH.

Melbourne Grammar School v Sydney Grammar School, on latter's ground, at Rushcutter Bay.

NEW SOUTH WALES TEAM AT SINGLETON.

JOHNSON NINE WICKETS FOR 34.

SINGLETON, Friday.

A match was played on Howe Park Oval between the N.S.W. team (breaking the journey on the way home from Brisbane) and Singleton. The weather was warm. There was a fair attendance for an off day. An excellent wicket had been prepared, and the outfield was also good. White captained the visitors, and Capp led the home team. White won the toss, and the visitors batted. Scores:—

New South Wales.

Farnsworth, c Capp, b Shaw	59
E. R. Hubb, c Dight, b Fawcett	6
D. C. Reid, c Warburton, b Fawcett	11
Hodgkinson, c Warburton, b Cameron	0
H. Goddard, run out	29
A. B. S. White, c Humphries, b Fawcett	23
A. J. Nicholls, c Bell, b Shaw	62
C. Kelleway, c M'Donald, b Shaw	18
F. Johnson, b Shaw	0
C. H. Gorry, run out	13
J. Scott, not out	9
Sundries	12
Total	242

Bowling Analysis.—Cameron, one for 51; Fawcett, three for 71; Shaw, four for 52; Dight, none for 19; M'Donald, none for 37.

Singleton.

R. Fawcett, c Kellaway, b Johnson	10
L. Capp, c Hodgkinson, b Johnson	7
W. Cameron, c Goddard, b Johnson	8
J. Humphries, c Goddard, b Johnson	12
R. Milford, l b w, b Johnson	18
F. Dight, c White, b Kelleway	2
M. Hayes, b Johnson	0
S. Warburton, b Johnson	0
R. Bell, b Johnson	13
W. M'Donald, c Farnsworth, b Johnson	3
A. B. Shaw, not out	10
Sundries	4
Total	87

Bowling analysis.—Johnson, nine for 34; Kelleway, one for 29; Scott, none for 20.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE MATCHES.

The junior interstate matches between New South Wales and Victoria and New South Wales and South Australia will be played on December 26 and 28 and January 1 and 2 respectively, and both will take place on the Sydney Sports Ground.

ALDERMANIC MATCH.

A match between Glebe and Annandale aldermen, at Federal Park, Glebe Point, was played on Wednesday afternoon, and resulted in an easy win for the Glebe team. Players were restricted to sitting aldermen, and the result was: Glebe, 117; Annandale, 48. For the winners, Alderman Artlett made 45 retired, Tate 30; and for the losers Alderman Wells, Mayor of Annandale, made top score, 19.

The annual cricket match between the teaching staff and the students of Stott and Hoare's Business College took place at Rushcutter Bay on Wednesday, and was won by the students. Afternoon tea was provided by the lady students, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The result was as follows:—Students, 125 (Patrick 53, Spurway 43); Teachers, 66 and seven wickets for 90 (South 49). Patrick, Spurway, and Marshall bowled for the winners, and Sivell and South for the losers.

GOLF.

To-day's engagements are:—

Australian G.C.—Teams match, captain's v secretary's.
Marrickville G.C.—Monthly medal.
Dobroyde G.C.—Teams match, captain's v treasurer's.
Concord G.C.—Continuous bogey handicap.
Parramatta G.C.—Stroke competition.

ATHLETICS.

HIGHLAND GATHERING.

Excellent entries have been received for the Highland Gathering on New Year's Day, under the auspices of the Highland Society. The entrants include many new dancers and pipers, and the gathering will partake of the nature of an international competition. In all probability Sir Harry Rawson and the Prime Minister will be present.

BOWLS.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The second round of the pennant and B competitions will be played this afternoon, as follows:—

Pennant.

Redfern v City, at Redfern.
Waverley v Victoria Park, at Waverley.
Mosman v North Sydney, at Mosman.
Warringah v Manly, at Warringah.
Gladstone Park v Marrickville, at Gladstone Park.
Hunter's Hill v Balmain, at Hunter's Hill.
Burwood v Ashfield, at Burwood.
Petersham v Parramatta, at Petersham.
Randwick, Chatswood, St. George, Strathfield, have byes.

B Competition.

City v Waverley, No. 1, at Cook Park.
Randwick v Woonona, at Randwick.
Victoria Park v Chatswood, No. 2, at Victoria Park.
North Sydney, No. 1, v Mosman, at North Sydney.
Manly v Warringah, at Manly.
Kuring-gai v Chatswood, at Kuring-gai.
Marrickville v Hunter's Hill, at Marrickville.
Balmain v Petersham, No. 2, at Balmain.
Parramatta v Petersham, No. 1, at Parramatta.
North Sydney, No. 2, v Waverley, No. 2, at North Sydney.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Ashfield Club.—Run to Brighton-le-Sands.
Homebush Club.—Impromptu run.
Wharinga Club.—Run to Dural and Galston.
Merrylands Club.—Open run.
Parramatta (League) Club.—Impromptu run.
Rookwood Club.—Run to Mortlake.
Peerless Club.—Run to Bondi.
Rockdale Club.—Open run.
Northern Suburbs Club.—Impromptu run.
Annandale Club.—Run to Sans Souci.
Eastern Suburbs Club.—Paper chase.
Burwood Club.—Run to Centennial Park.
Enfield Club.—Open run.
Swift Club.—Run to Rose Bay.
Newtown Club.—Run to Sans Souci.
Victa-Centennial Club.—Open run.
Botany Club.—Open run.
Entries close for Highland Gathering races.

PIONEER MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

The following is the complete list of entries for the hill climb which takes place on the Baden Baden-hill, Coogee, to-day, commencing at 3 o'clock:—H. Stevenson, 1½-h.p. Motosacoche; L. Allison, 1½ N.S.U.; W. J. Lansdown, 2½-h.p. Moto Reve; C. S. Crouch, 2-h.p. Moto Reve; A. McNe, 2-h.p. Moto Reve; L. M'Caughey, 2-h.p. Moto Reve; L. Eagles, 2-h.p. Moto Reve; H. W. McNeil, 2-h.p. Moto Reve; R. S. Crouch, 2-h.p. Moto Reve; A. Forbes, 2-h.p. Moto Reve; A. J. Powell, 2½-h.p. Surrey; L. V. Palmer, 2½-h.p. Minerva; W. W. Reynolds, 2½-h.p. F.N.; W. Jarman, 3-h.p. Jarman; J. A. Jarman, 3-h.p. Jarman; C. E. Walles, 3-h.p. N.S.U.; H. S. Jordan, 3½-h.p. N.S.U.; W. Tormy, 3½-h.p. Werner; W. H. Bridge, 3½-h.p. Triumph; T. De C. Armstrong, 3½-h.p. Armstrong; F. Watson, 3½-h.p. Triumph; A. Foy, 4-h.p. Buchet; F. Knight Eaton, 5-h.p. Peugeot; A. E. Morton, 5-h.p. Jap; H. Dawson, 5½-h.p. N.S.U.; T. F. Smidmore, 6-h.p. Buchet.

Competitors will be allowed one attempt only, and machines must be fitted with efficient silencers.

ANNANDALE BICYCLE CLUB.

The club held its annual meeting at the Colonnade Hall on Monday, Mr. Waters presided. The yearly report showed the club to be in a good financial state. During the evening the club road championship badge and medal, also various prizes won in club events, were presented, and at the close of the evening Mr. S. Bradbury was presented, on behalf of the club, with a dressing-case in appreciation of his good work as secretary. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Mahony, M.L.A.; president, Mr. H. J. Waring; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Lappan, H. S. Cusack, T. C. Akhurst, J. Chapman, A. J. Powell, T. Colebrook, G. Peck, T. Anderson, A. Payne; committee, Messrs. S. Bradbury, J. Dredge, A. C. Weston, W. Taylor, R. Hazleton, W. Squires; delegates to N.S.W.C.U., Messrs. H. H. Watson, H. Waters; captain, A. J. Fish; sub-captain, W. Bates; hon. handicapper, S. Bradbury; assistant secretary and reporter, A. Akhurst; hon. treasurer, J. Dredge; hon. secretary, H. Waters.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

At the last meeting of the Automobile Club of Australia it was decided to hold the opening motor run of the season to Pennant Hills on January 9. The start will take place from Challis House at 2.30 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS.

STRATHFIELD CAPTAINCY.

The Strathfield captaincy and doubles championship, postponed on account of the Australasian meeting, will be continued to-day, when the following matches will be played:—

Captaincy.—2 o'clock, Howell v R. O. Anderson; 2.45, Hicks v Robinson, Dunlop v Hammond; 3.30, Kelynack v C. E. Johnston, Elder v Morse; 5, E. O. Anderson v winner Dunlop and Hammond.

Doubles Championship.—2, Crane-Macdonald v Bunting-C. E. Johnston; 4.15, Hicks-England v winners above, E. and R. Anderson v K. Anderson-Robinson.

KURRI KURRI, Friday.

The mixed doubles handicap tournament conducted by the Kurri Tennis Club resulted on Wednesday in a victory for Collis and Miss Brown (receive 15), the runners-up being Bickmore and Miss Clarge (receive 15).

ROWING.

SUTHERLAND CLUB.

The Sutherland Amateur Rowing Club has issued the following handicaps for their double sculls handicap to be held on the Woronora River to-day:—F. Dwyer, E. Green, scr; W. Beach, F. Beach, 5s; R. Cook, D. Saul, 8s; E. Jarrat, A. Dwyer, 15s; A. M'Leod, L. Peters, 20s. The prize is valued at £3.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is already proposed that the new sculling champion, Richard Arnst, shall shortly proceed to England, there to row Ernest Barry for the championship of the world on the Thames. In the palmy days of rowing such a proposal would have been impossible, since the new champion would ere now have received challenges from one or more Australians. It is unhappily true that the most generous supporters of Sydney scullers have dropped out of the game for various reasons; but surely we have sportsmen enough left amongst us to provide the stake and training expenses for Ben Thoroughgood, the Australian champion, whose full merit so far we can only conjecture. Failing the advent of one big backer, I suggest that a fund be started at once, so that our big fellow may be given a chance to win back the world's championship for Australia and for this State. I am, etc.,

GEORGE BLACK.

SAILING.

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON.

PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB.

Neither the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron nor the Prince Alfred Yacht Club has a race down for today. Racing will be resumed on January 9, under the P.A.Y.C.'s auspices.

SYDNEY CLUB.

Fourteen boats have been entered for the Sydney Club's 18-footers' championship race this afternoon. The race is also the third test in the selection of a boat to represent the State in the Australian championship at Perth, W.A., on January 30, the points scored in the two previous races being:—Oweenee, 7; Australian, 5; Eileen, 4; Vision, 2; and Livonia and Zena, 1 each. Oweenee will not be a competitor this afternoon, the entries and skippers being:—Eileen (W. Read), Australian (Chris. Webb), Zena (W. J. Holmes), Arthur (J. A. Smith), Livonia (J. T. Robinson)), Blanche (T. Sherley), Crescent VII. (W. Dunn), Donnelly (G. Holmes), Scot (P. Cowie), Pheasant (W. Parcell), Vision (W. J. Duncan), Famous (T. Colebrook, sen.), Maritana (T. Leach), and Ben-my-Chree (E. Brown). The prizes are £10, £5, £3, and £2, and the winner will also receive Mr. J. Fogg's trophy and a pennant. The usual Lightship-Shark Island course, starting and finishing at Clark Island, will be sailed. The club steamers Koree and Kareela are advertised to follow the race.

BALMAIN AMATEUR CLUB.

A general handicap will be sailed by the boats of this club over the Goat Island, Watson's Bay, Shark Island course this afternoon. Handicaps, etc, are:—Bunyip (H. Moore), scr work, 1½m behind lead; Lottie (J. Allen), scr, scr; Grace Darling (H. Booth), 4m, 3m; Shamrock (F. Theiring), 7½m, 3m; Massilia (A. Binning), 10½m, 3m; Volt (H. Thompson), 10½m, 8m; Mafah (J. Pout), 10½m, 9m; Gabrielle (R. Latta), 12m, 9m; Daphne (C. Smith), 12½m, 9m; Kummulla (G. Atkins), 14½m, 11m; Ivy (H. Crawford), 14½m, 11m; Edie (W. S. Treloar), 18m, 14m; Alfreda (W. B. Doolen), 18m, 14m.

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

The following are the starts for to-day's general handicap:—Camira (W. J. Mildwater), scr; Dorrie (H. Collis), 7m beh.; Air Motor (F. Delaney), 7m beh.; St. George (J. Werry), 8m beh.; Mascotte (E. Talbot), 10½m beh.; Euchre (W. Douglas), 11½m beh.; Jessie (W. Kennedy, jun.), 11½m beh.; Esperanza (E. Clark), 11½m beh.; Our Own (G. Witchard), 11½m beh.; Effie (G. Trinder), 20m beh.

THE OWEENEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the Oweenee will not take part in Saturday's scratch race, which is the final of the three test races chosen by the interstate committee to prove the best boat to represent New South Wales in the forthcoming interstate contest to be held in Western Australia next month, I wish the public to clearly understand that I am debarred from starting on the plea that the boat is not on the register of the Sydney Sailing Club, under whose auspices the race is to be sailed, notwithstanding my disclaiming all right to prizes.

After having sailed well enough to secure second place in the first event, thus receiving three points, I was officially waited upon and asked in the event of the Oweenee proving her claim in the test series set down would I withdraw claim from the subsidy in order to allow one of the larger boats to go to the West, and as I only built the Oweenee to support a remark I made, which was discounted, viz., that I considered greater speed could be attained in and 18ft boat than the type at present racing, and which I now claim to have proved under all conditions, I willingly met the wishes of the interstate committee, and further informed them that I would be pleased to assist in any way I could to send a representative boat and crew to retain the honour for New South Wales in holding the Interstate Cup, and received the following letter:—

"Dec. 11th.

"Dear sir,—I am desired by the officers and members of the Sydney Flying Squadron to tender you their sincere thanks for so generously having acceded to the committee's request to withdraw your boat Oweenee as a competitor for the proposed subsidy to a representative to Western Australia. The resolution was carried unanimously at this week's meeting.

"At the weekly meeting of the interstate committee speeches expressing appreciation of your sportsmanlike action were also made.

"(Sgnd.) J. YOUNG, Secty. S.F.S."

I would like to ask, firstly, the sense of my being asked to withdraw claim to the subsidy when I am debarred from proving that claim. Secondly, what right have the interstate committee to advertise the scratch race to be held on Saturday as the final of the test races when the Oweenee, holding seven out of the possible eight points, and leading by two, is debarred from competing? And, lastly, I leave it to the public to say whether "reason" of this kind will tend to encourage true sport in our State.

I am, etc.,

THOS. M. BANKS.

Dec. 18.

SWIMMING.

SWIMMERS' WELCOME HOME TO "SNOWY" BAKER.

At the East Sydney Swimming Club's carnival, to be held at the new baths, Outer Domain, Cecil Healy, the club captain, will compete in the 300 yards championship of New South Wales, and will endeavour to lower the record for that distance. "Snowy" Baker will give an exhibition of the latest Continental diving. A. Humphries will provide the high diving. The following handicaps have been declared:—

50 Yards Interclub Handicap.—A. Barry scr; C. J. Hunt, G. Tartakover, F. Cummins, F. Coulson, 1s; J. Lovelace, J. Murray, W. Thompson, M. Mitchell, T. Sinclair, 2s; P. Punch, A. Smith, C. W. East, A. Coulson, L. Ward, J. Murray, H. Mears, 3s; A. Freeman, W. Cripps, J. Fletcher, S. Garrat, J. C. Murray, S. Bailey, L. Bond, A. Priddle, J. Porteous, W. Smith, B. Boardman, W. Wylie, R. T. Callaghan, N. Gould, C. Sweetman, K. Grieve, A. C. Brownhill, 4s; B. Mendelsohn, F. Aldritt, W. W. Scott, A. Wadsworth, G. Baker, 5s; C. Rigden, R. Hendy, R. Mathewson, G. Relby, E. C. Fox, R. Cressy, J. Mostyn, E. Cummins, A. Ewes, Moore, S. Parry, A. L. Cohen, 6s; E. R. Gannon, E. Hutst, N. Dawson, S. G. Ronald, G. Leth, H. L. Thomas, L. Bryant, 7s; G. Dick, H. Kelso, R. Lees, H. Regab, P. Singleton, P. Dorset, H. Armstrong, A. Dobson, 8s; L. Mahoney, C. Poultes, J. Lapthorne, H. Woods, R. L. Gardiner, J. Smith, R. Cook, 9s; F. Cashman, 10s; J. C. Rigley, R. Hellings, 11s; C. Mullinger, N. Foot, M. J. Chatterson, 12s.

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for to-day's brace relay race:—H. Kermode, N. Hansen, scr; Bell, 1s; N. Jackson, 2s; S. Nicoll, T. Rowell, 3s; C. Hansen, C. Mason, J. Pocock, 4s; L. Butchart, F. Tichborne, 5s; H. Brooks, R. Connors, J. Halligan, J. Hall, T. O'Donnell, G. Tichborne, 6s; A. Chamberlain, M. Saywell, 7s; J. Asquith, F. Allen, N. Burtt, A. Hodgkins, 8s; R. Callaghan, J. Keir, 9s; J. Flint, N. Gately, E. Kent, T. Kent, 10s; A. Chapman, V. Hall, C. Palmer, 11s; R. Burns, J. Emanuel, H. Parkes, 12s; J. Kavanagh, 13s.

THE ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.

A TRIBUTE TO REGINALD BAKER.

Writing under date November 6 last to Mr. Anthony T. Hendry, of the Royal Life-saving Society in Sydney, Mr. William Henry, chief secretary of the society's head office in London, says:—

"The National Life-saving Competition has been won this year by the Leith Police Swimming Club, the Liverpool Police Swimming Club being second, the Leicester A.S.A. third, the City of London Police fourth, the Sheffield Otter Swimming Club (winners last year fifth), and the Manchester Police sixth."

[The above competition is held annually by the Royal Life-saving Society, and is open to teams of four men from all branches of the society in England, Scotland, and Ireland.]

"The Ladies' Challenge Cup competition was won by the Ladies' Excelsior Swimming Club, of Sheffield. Weston-super-Mare (last year's winners) came second, although they had to submit an entirely fresh team. The result of the King's Cup competition was not cabled to you, as no Australians took part in it.

"For the silver medallions we have had a very great demand. There have also been six entries for the diplomas, and I am going to Manchester and Leeds to examine three of these.

"With regard to the proficiency certificate and bronze medallions, all previous records have been beaten; 1000 were granted in September and 2100 at the October meeting of the executive. This will give you some idea of the work there is in issuing these awards, and the progress being made by the society.

"We are pleased to learn that your Mr. Williams has been continuing his (pioneering) 'spade work,' and trust that his efforts will meet with every success.

"I observe that some of your papers have published an alleged interview with Daniels, who is supposed to have said, referring to the 100 metres Olympic race, that 'the race was [illegible] before he [illegible]; in fact, at the time he was taking off his sweater.' I have a letter from Daniels, who denies being interviewed, and states also that what is being said is untrue. This we all knew, but his contradiction is satisfactory.

"Reg. Baker left here last Friday, and many friends were at the station to see him off. He did remarkably well in the Olympic boxing, considering his terrible illnesses, and received a tremendous ovation when he came up to take his second prize in that great event. Many of us were sorry he was not first, but he, as well as ourselves, had to admit that the best man won, and I am glad to say that 'Reg.' expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with everything. He is looked upon here as one of the finest sportsmen we have had the pleasure of meeting."

PIGEON HOMING.

LEICHHARDT CLUB.

The Leichhardt Flying Club held its last young birds' race from Gunning on Saturday. The birds left Sydney in charge of Mr. Nicholson, to be liberated at 11 o'clock, but, owing to the weather, they were held over, and were not liberated until Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. The birds put up fairly fast time. The winner of this race receives a special prize in addition to the club first prize. Mr. Macnamara wins the prize presented by Mr. G. A. Bennett for the best aggregate during the young bird season. Results:—W. Mitchell's bird (1373yds 2ft 4in), 1; W. J. Macnamara's Patagonia (1372yds 0ft 2in), 2; W. Sherring's Fleetwing (1370yds 1ft 2in), 3; S. Martin's Vigilant II. (1369yds 1ft 8in), 4; Mr. J. Foy's Coronation (1368yds 1ft), 5; G. A. Bennett's bird (1365yds 2ft 10in), 6; Pattison's (1362yds 2ft 11in), 7; Bunton's (1362yds 0ft 4in), 8; Stepto's (1358yds 1ft), 9; Robson's (1352yds 1ft 4in), 10.

THE GUN.

BYRON BAY, Friday.

The local Gun Club held a day's shooting yesterday. Messrs. Woolbridge, M'Andrew, and Batey were the winners of the sweep. A £20 prize was competed for. It was decided to divide between five of the competitors.

ANGLING.

Trout-fishing at Brindabella has been good, although no fish heavier than two pounds were caught recently. At this centre the sporting spirit is high, and few men bag fish under the legal weight of 12oz. During four days recently, there was an average of three rods on the river, and the average daily take was 16 fish. The Christmas prospects on this part of the Goodradigbee are hopeful. Lower down, at Wee Jasper, the fishing is also spoken of as first-rate. People meditating trips to the trout rivers should lose no time in arranging details, of accommodation, vehicles, etc., and in this connection will find the Tourist Department very helpful. Proprietors of the leading fishing-tackle shops, and their salesmen are also ready to assist visitors in this respect.

With the nor-easters of the summer, sportsmen always expect good fish close to the rocky shores in deep water, and one of the places which is sure to yield finny prizes is the North Head of Sydney Harbour. Last week schnapper were struck by several handliners, fishing from the Old Man's Hat round to the outer point. Mr. C. Hamilton caught one weighing 9lb 13oz on a fine plaited silk line. Many good catches were recorded from the locality, which will be good for a few weeks yet if the weather keeps steady. Eighteen squire were caught by two sportsmen one day this week.

Wyong sport amongst the perch has been moderate. The river is being too much fished, and the perch have become shy of boats. Mr. H. K. Anderson, who tried there for perch last week-end for Mr. H. Robinson, who intends to do some stocking, reports the river low, the snags high, the local anglers active, and the fish shy.

Brisbane Water is experiencing a good fishing season as the whiting are plentiful, and conditions have been more favourable than for years past. There are plenty of people round the sporting area of water, and those who make the best use of the tides and winds have been catching plenty of fish. It is noticed that, when there is a big tide, the whiting are ready to bite on the flats. People who fish from 4 a.m. till about 9 a.m., when the tides are high in the early morning, catch ten fish to all-day fishermen's one, and get better quality fish, too. From the Rip down to the bar the sport has been very good lately, and many drifters have found the old drifts in the Broadwater all they hoped them to be.

A good fishing feat was performed by Mr. S. Atkin at the Hawkesbury last week-end. The sportsman caught a 16½lb jewfish on a No. 20 silk-twist, and had a long fight with it, until he brought it close enough to lift into the boat.

City people desirous of giving their country friends a seasonable gift at Christmas time might do much worse than send along a good fishing rod or tackle. The gift would be sure to be treasured, and would probably afford the recipient many days of keen enjoyment.

Mention was made in the "Herald" during the week of the beautiful aquarium possessed by Mr. F. J. Geddes at Waverley. It may be added that the design of this building is the work of Mr. Phillips, of Paddington, and that the latter gentleman is now modelling the acquarium of the Sydney Zoological Society.

Mr. A. Werner got what other members called "a good bite" at the A.F.A. meeting last week. He announced that he had caught 138 fish one day during the week, and in response to queries, explained that they were secured at Narrabeen. As the speaker remained silent for a few moments, the president and one of the hon. secretaries asked, "What were they?" and the answer came promptly, "Blue-eyes." The blue-eyes are tiny creatures, caught only by aquarium keepers and naturalists in fine nets, and Mr. Werner had been hunting them for the association's aquaria. There was much laughter at the discomfiture of the querists, who had expected a reply relating to some edible or sporting species.

Large jewfish are still being caught close to the south coast beaches, and, being marketed, are realising good prices. They are readily saleable to the fish restaurants, as the flesh can be made up into several appetising dishes.

Sport on the Snowy should be at its best, but will be rivalled by that on the Upper Murrumbidgee.

Fishing at Port Hacking recently Messrs. Holloway and White caught a nice basket of black bream. Mr. J. Bebb has now got his motor-launch at the port, and will be sure to catch plenty of fish with this ready means for moving from place to place.

The Rod-fishers' Society has voted £5 towards the destruction of cormorants in the Monaro district, the money to be laid out by the local society. Another £5 has been allocated for the destruction of the birds in other trout districts. This practical evidence of intention to protect the rivers is meritorious.

Mr. D. G. Stead's report on the Murrumbidgee trout has been referred to the committee of the Rod-fishers' Society, who maintain an open mind on the question of the species of trout in this country, and are awaiting the possible capture of fish of a description different to recorded species.

In view of the destruction of trout in the Upper Murrumbidgee near Bredbo, presumably by flood waters, the Rod-fishers' Society has decided to consult the Fisheries Board respecting the matter. The society will be in recess as far as meetings are concerned till about the end of January, as many of the members have made arrangements for visits to the Snowy at Dalgety, the Goodradigbee at Wee Jasper and Brindabella, and the Snowy near Jindabyne. As many of the members take a deep interest in the entomology of the rivers, our scientific knowledge on these points will probably be greatly added to before long.

BOXING.

BURNS IN TRAINING.

Tommy Burns, the champion boxer of the world, will be training at the Stadium, Rushcutter Bay, to-day, Monday, and Wednesday, at 3.30 p.m. Jack Johnson will appear at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Bill Lang (of Melbourne) and H. Sandow, ex-heavyweight amateur of New Zealand, will spar.

PALING'S CHRISTMAS ANNUAL.

Paling's Christmas Annual (No. 35) bears a handsome ornamental border of gold, with red roses upon it, as the framework of a graceful portrait of Miss Carrie Moore as "The Merry Widow." The contents include songs new and old, amongst the former being a composition by Gustav Slapoffski, entitled "If I Were Dead." This is a song of serious sentiment of a simple character, with an effective change of key, followed by arpeggio chords that introduce a strain not entirely dissimilar, but in a setting of greater passion and animation. In addition to such favourite ballads as "Come Back to Erin" and "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," are much popular numbers as "God Bless the Prince of Wales" and "Four Jolly Smiths." Mention may also be made of the vivacious "Nebraska Schottische" and "Over the Waves" waltz, and there are a couple of lively serio-comic numbers by Joe Slater. There are in all 14 numbers in the new Christmas Annual, which in many respects carries on the bright traditions of its predecessors.

THE MOSQUITO PEST.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The mosquito pest is upon us. Sydney is the chief town of the Commonwealth, but does not initiate a movement against these dangerous enemies. We have not had the same cause to hate the mosquito that other towns have had, for malarial fever and yellow fever have never had a standing here.

But it is only within the last few years that the connection between these fatal maladies and the mosquito has been proved.

For how many other diseases he is also responsible remains to be also discovered in the future. That he is the cause of filaria is well known, and was proved in Brisbane many years ago. That the pallor of womenfolk who live in climates suitable for producing the pest is due to him has not been proved, but is possible and likely. That the pest is easily eradicated is certain. Why, therefore, does the Australian capital wait for Brisbane to set her the example of getting rid of such vermin? In the northern town steps are being taken to bring the reign of the mosquito to an end. In Sydney, with an apathy unaccountable, people endure the obnoxious bite of a creature which travels from person to person, fowl to human being, cat to dog, horse to man—indeed, from anything which has blood to anything else which has also blood, even though dissimilar blood, inoculating as he goes.

The whole process has only to be considered for a short time to be seen to be horribly obnoxious. But no one in the great city minds. All are absorbed in the ruling passion, and night is made unspeakably uncomfortable, and blood is most unspeakably inoculated, without a hand being raised to crush the enemy. In Brisbane the crusade has commenced, and the mosquito must go. Will the time ever come for Sydney also to give forth the edict, "No mosquitos need apply?"

I am, etc.,

LEX.

INTERSTATE CRICKET.

MATCH WITH SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

RECORDS ESTABLISHED.

VISITORS, ONE FOR 410.

HOPKINS, 218 NOT OUT.

NOBLE, 124 NOT OUT.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

Perfect weather and a magnificent wicket favoured the opening of the match between New South Wales and South Australia today. Noble won the toss, and sent in Hopkins and Bardsley to face the bowling of O'Connor and Roy Hill. O'Connor has notoriously had luck in interstate bowling, and off his first ball Pellew dropped a tap in the slips from Hopkins. The batsman retaliated by leg-glancing him prettily to the track. Runs came at the rate of one a minute, mostly at the expense of Hill, who bowled erratically with great pace. One of his deliveries bounced strongly, and caught Bardsley on his hand so severely that he was compelled to immediately throw his bat away. The game was delayed 10 minutes while the injury to his fingers was being attended to. Both bowlers had the major portion of the field strung around the slips, but did not tempt the batsmen.

At 31 Hill was relieved by Whitty, an ex-N.S.W. bowler, who had been bowling capitally in senior cricket. Bardsley greeted the newcomer with a cut to the boundary, and smacked him away in the next over for the same number. A late cut followed, which brought Bardsley's total to 25. A fourer a-piece took the total past 50, obtained in 50 minutes. Hill then tried another change in bowling by putting on Pretty vice O'Connor, who had cost 29. Pretty as a leg-break bowler has secured some remarkable analyses. Both batsmen played him cautiously, and his first three overs cost seven runs only. The replacement of Whitty by Gehrs made the fifth resultless change. Shortly afterwards Bardsley placed 50 opposite to his name, as the outcome of an hour and twenty minutes' batting. The pair took advantage of loose fielding, but did not run unnecessary risks. When the dinner adjournment arrived the total was 96; Hopkins 42, Bardsley 53.

On resumption the total quickly ran past the first century, which had occupied 80 minutes. The meagre attendance swelled a little after dinner. The hitting brightened up. O'Connor and Roy Hill again took up the bowling, but the batsmen had got fairly into their stride. Hopkins, by succeeding boundary hits, left his companion in the rear. Shortly after, Bardsley, who had received another crack on the fingers from Hill, hit Whitty up easily to Roy Hill at mid-on, and 1—56—131 was hoisted. Bardsley had taken an hour and 50 minutes to make his runs, which were obtained from every part of the field. He hit seven fours.

Noble was accorded a rousing cheer, and he promptly smote two fours. Hopkins took his score beyond 80 by three capital boundary hits. When he was 8 Noble hit O'Connor down the pitch, but the bowler just failed by inches to get his hand on it. Hopkins reached his century with a single off Pellew, the sixth bowler tried, and it had taken the North Sydneyite 2 hours 25 minutes to compile. Noble punished Pretty, and the second century appeared after 2 hours 35 minutes. At the adjournment the total was 236 (Hopkins 124, Noble 50).

The bowling became tired at this stage, and had lost the best part of its sting. O'Connor, who had borne the brunt of the attack, had sept down 16 overs for 81 runs, and Whitty's one wicket had cost 66. Noble twice got Whitty to the boundary, and brought the third century into view, the time occupied being 3 hours 39 mins. The bowling was now hopelessly mastered. Hopkins scored a brilliant six by lifting Pretty all the way down the field, which brought his total to 162. The fielding had been wretched in the early stages of the game, but improved considerably towards the close.

Seven bowlers had been tried, and changed every few overs without success. Hill's fast deliveries were snicked and slipped all over the field, and Pretty sent up too much soft stuff to be effective. With the exception of the chance before he had scored, Hopkins had not given a single opportunity, and had at no time experienced any difficulty with the bowling. At 134 he miss-hit Quist into the slips, but no one was handy to take it. Noble showed all his old brilliance, especially against Quist, whose full-pitchers were relished indeed by both batsmen. The captain brought the total to 275, with a high drive to the track.

The score was taken along splendidly to 350, mostly by boundary hits, and with Hopkins 191 and Noble 91 the pair had started a friendly rivalry for centuries. Noble got the majority of hits, however, and reached 101 with a leg glance off Pellew. It had taken him 2 hours 22 minutes to accomplish it.

Hopkins reached 200, and thus assisted in the phenomenal performance of three centuries for the loss of one wicket in 4 hours 14 minutes. Hopkins was loudly cheered for his brilliant effort. The total then was 371. "Clem" Hill took the ball himself, and attenuated the bowlers' list, which was further lengthened by the inclusion of Dolling. No success resulted, and stumps were drawn with the total at 410—Hopkins 218, and Noble 124.

The time occupied in making the full score was 4 hours 36 minutes, and the partnership so far has added 283 runs. The batting in every respect was magnificent. Noble was a shade more brilliant than his partner, whose one chance before he had scored had proved so costly.

Woodford throughout the long innings allowed two byes only. Hopkins knocked 27 fours and one six; Noble got 15 to the boundary. The South Australian bowling was simply impotent, not one of the nine men who bowled even ruffled the batsmen. The pitch is still good for a couple of thousand runs. Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

A. J. Hopkins, not out	218
W. Bardsley, c Roy Hill, b Whitty	56
M. A. Noble, not out	124
Byes 2, leg bye 6, wide 1, no ball 3	12
Total for one wicket	410

Bowling: Whitty, one for 76; O'Connor, none for 97; Pretty, none for 64; Roy Hill, none for 43; Gehrs, none for 19; Pellew, none for 34; Quist, none for 37; Clem Hill, none for 11; Dolling, none for 12. Gehrs bowled one wide, and Roy Hill three no balls.

The partnership between Noble and Hopkins has broken the Australian record for the second wicket. It is still unfinished, and they are not far behind the any wicket record for Australia. They have now put on 279. The previous record for the second wicket (268) was established by R. M. Mackay and M. A. Noble at Melbourne in December, 1905, 410 for one wicket on the first day of a match in Australia is also a record.

BEN BOYD'S SNUFFBOX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

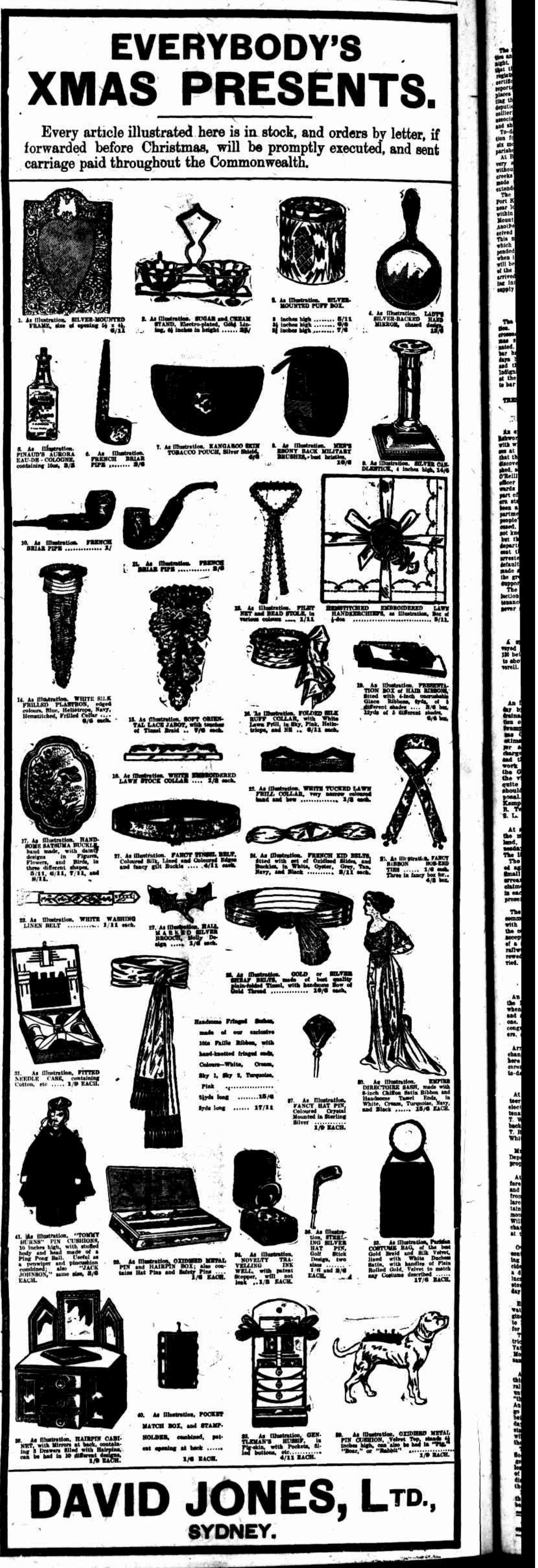
Sir,—A statement in the "Herald" on the 3rd inst., communicated to you by Captain W. C. Thomson, is responsible for me troubling you again on the subject of "Ben Boyd." With regard to the original owner of the snuffbox, I am not much concerned, although from something lingering in my memory I am inclined to believe it belonged to Bishop Epaille, who arrived from Europe in the Bussorah Merchant in June, 1845, and sailed with his companions, seven Roman Catholic priests and six lay brethren, in October of the same year for the Solomon Islands. His missionary work was brief, for he was murdered by the natives in the isle of St. George, north of Guadalcanar, on December 14, together with two of his priests.

What is of more importance than the ownership of the snuffbox is that the historical facts in connection with "Ben Boyd" should be accurately stated.

Boyd landed in the bay, now called Wanderer's Bay, from his yacht Wanderer, on the morning of October 15, 1851, with the intention of shooting birds, and was never seen again. The Wanderer was not on a "labour" cruise, but on her way from San Francisco, and it is not known that she was even on her way back to Sydney. We have been told in the "Last Cruise of the Wanderer" that it was Boyd's intention to found a republic in the Pacific, possibly he was looking for a suitable island. Whilst Boyd was in New South Wales, 1842 to 1849, he owned stations in the Monaro district, and had built the nucleus of a town at Twofold Bay. He owned nine whalers and three steamships. To man stations, he brought natives from the islands, but not in his luxuriously-furnished yacht.

The first lot of native labourers were brought to Boyd Town by the schooner Velocity, Captain Kirsopp, in April, 1847. These came from Tanna, Lefoo, and Anatam, and one man from each of these islands was brought to his house at Neutral Bay to be shown as specimens to the authorities. The total number brought this trip was 65. The same vessel brought on a second trip 64, and other vessels brought small numbers, and the total was only about 200, all of whom were taken to Twofold Bay. The currency given to the story of 300 escaping from a schooner, and creating a scare in the streets of Sydney, arose from the fact of many of the labourers running away from the stations in Monaro, and finding their way to Sydney, where they did create a little sensation. I am, etc.,

JAMES H. WATSON.



COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

WOLLONGONG, Friday.

The monthly meeting of the Illawarra Deputies and Shot-firers' Association was held last night. The secretary informed the meeting that the industrial registrar had granted the registration of the association, and that a certificate could be had on application. The reports of the delegates who visited several places in the district for the purpose of putting the objects of the association before the deputies and shot-firers employed at different collieries, were put before the meeting. The association has now about half the deputies and shot-firers on the coast on its books.

To-day Mr. W. J. Adams lodged an application for suspension of labour conditions for six months on measured portions 10 to 17, parishes Woonona, Southend, and Wedderburn.

At Balgownie the dry weather is being felt very seriously. Householders are almost without water, and have nothing but polluted creeks to fall back on. Efforts are being made to have the Wollongong water supply extended to that locality.

The building of a northern breakwater at Port Kembla has begun, and the tip is getting near low water mark. The starting point is within 200 yards of Tom Thumb Lagoon. The Mount Kembla mine is working full time. Another coal-cutting machine has been received for the long wall—a Hurd bar machine. This machine makes six at this colliery, of which four are installed. Work will be suspended from Christmas Eve till 4th January, when it is anticipated the new pulling engines will be ready for use. Last night two officers of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board arrived in Wollongong for the purpose of looking into various matters affecting the water supply at Unanderra and Port Kembla.

THE NAMBUCCA BAR.

BOWRAVILLE, Friday.

The Nambucca bar is in a deplorable condition. The steamer Nerong has not yet crossed in, and as she is loaded with Christmas supplies business is practically stagnated. Reports from the heads state that the bar has shoaled again, and it may be some days before the vessel gets in. Our Elsie and the Ellerslie are also barbound inside. Indignation prevails throughout the district at the attitude of the Government in regard to bar harbours.

TRESPASSING ON RAILWAY PREMISES.

A MAGISTRATE'S MEMORY.

WELLINGTON, Friday.

An ex-railway employee, named Charles W. Ashworth, was charged at the local police court with wilfully trespassing on the railway premises at Wellington. Inspector Davidson stated that the accused, who pleaded guilty, had been discovered in the railway yard, near the goods shed, about half-past 10 at night, by Constable O'Reilly, and on being taken to the night officer he made statements which were afterwards found to be untrue. He was in that part of the yard where the goods for the western stations usually stood, and as there had been a large number of thefts lately the department had to do something to prevent people's property from being pillaged. Accused, in reply to the P.M., said that he did not know at the time that he was doing wrong, but the P.M. replied that he had been in the department for years, and was not so innocent that he did not know that he could be arrested. He was fined £3, with 6s costs, in default one month's imprisonment. Accused made an appeal for the fine to be reduced, on the ground that he had a wife and family to support.

The P.M.: I have some slight recollection of your wife summoning you for maintenance, and stating in the court that you never supported her.

THE HOLIDAY TRAFFIC.

MOREE, Friday.

A special excursion train yesterday conveyed about 300 passengers to Sydney, about 120 being from Moree. The takings amounted to about £230. The remainder were from Inverell.

MUNICIPAL.

KEMPSEY, Friday.

An inquiry was held at the courthouse today by Mr. R. T. M'Kay, member of the drainage board, in connection with the petition objecting to the drainage of Tennessee Swamp. The work of clearing out Christmas Creek and providing a small drain is estimated to cost £8250, and a rate of 5s per acre would be required to cover all charges. This amount is considered too high, and the ratepayers are of opinion that the work should be carried out for about half the Government estimate. They also take the view that Glenrock Swamp will benefit quite as much as Tennessee, and this area should have been included in the trust proposal. Messrs. Joseph Campbell, R. A. Kemp, W. T. Dangar, Peter Knauer, C. and R. Teague, C. S. Smith, W. H. Macmahon, S. L. Rudder, and L. Bailey gave evidence.

LIVERPOOL, Friday.

At a court held for the purpose of revising the municipal lists, conducted by Mr. Maitland, P.M., at the council-chambers on Wednesday, five names were added to the lists. The lists were confirmed.

The Smithfield and Fairfield Council proceeded against a number of ratepayers at the Small Debts Court on Wednesday, to recover arrears of rates. Verdicts for the amounts claimed, with costs of court, were recorded in each case. Mr. Dummett, council clerk, represented the council.

PARKES, Friday.

The report of the lighting committee recommending the adoption of the gas scheme with some slight modifications was tabled at the council meeting on Wednesday night, and accepted. The plans now include the erection of a manager's cottage and construction of a railway siding. A motion that £7500 be borrowed for the purposes of the scheme was carried.

THE SCHOOLS.

BLACKHEATH, Friday.

An exhibition of pupils' work was held in the Public school on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of parents and residents. The display was a creditable one. Inspector Murray gave a short address, congratulating Mr. Laws, head master, teachers, and scholars on the work shown.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Friday.

Arrangements are being made for an exchange of flags between the Public schools here and at Campbelltown, in Scotland. The ceremony of saluting the flag was performed to-day, Mr. Downes, M.L.A., unfurling it.

CANDELO, Friday.

At a meeting of members of the local Volunteer Fire Brigade the following officers were elected:—Captain, Mr. A. O. Manns; first lieutenant, Mr. T. Pike; second lieutenant, Mr. C. T. Williams; third lieutenant, Mr. J. S. Schuback; engineer, Mr. F. Morrow; secretary, Mr. T. Robertson; trustees, F. Morrow and W. H. White.

CASINO, Friday.

Mr. Peake, an officer from the Public Works Department, is at present reporting upon the proposed sewerage scheme for the town.

COOMA, Friday.

At the Cooma Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. A. Shannon, J.P., Robert Glass and Percy Blyton were charged, on remand, from Bebroka and Bega respectively, with larceny by finding of a Gladstone bag, containing a suit of clothes and £33 11s in money, and other articles, the property of William Roberts, of Cowra. Blyton was discharged, and Glass was committed for trial at the next Cooma Quarter Sessions.

GUNDAGAI, Friday.

Owing to the contractor relinquishing his contract, by consent of the Minister, for driving the well, the Works Department has decided to put in a tunnel or drive 2ft by 6ft for a distance of 100ft in the drift, in order to increase the supply in the well and act as a storage. The work, which is to be done by day labour, is to be started at once.

JERILDERIE, Friday.

Excitement over the alleged stoppage of water at Colombo continues. The shire engineer, Mr. M'Kenzie, left to-day for Sydney to lay the whole matter before the Minister for Works.

Three bush fires have occurred in the district during the week. One on the north of Yathong was near the homestead. A fire on Moonbria station overran 1000 acres. The same day one was reported on Tubbo.

LITHGOW, Friday.

A meeting of the Smelters' Union was held this week to consider the request of the general manager to work through the holidays until the New Year. A motion was submitted "that members decline to grant the request." An amendment was moved, "that the latter go to ballot." The ballot resulted in 62 votes being cast against working during the holidays, and 28 in favour of working. It was stated that a notice was posted that the works will be idle from the 24th instant, to enable the usual clean out of culverts to be effected.

The committee of the Lithgow Co-operative Society has appointed Mr. T. Dunster manager. Mr. T. Green, late manager, prior to leaving Lithgow, was this week the recipient of presentations from members of the Methodist Church, and also from the employees of the society.

Mr. W. P. Ashley's shop was entered by thieves, and money in the till amounting to between £2 and £3 was taken.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE YEAR'S RECORD.

EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS.

The report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended June 30, 1908, was tabled by the Minister for Works in the Legislative Assembly yesterday morning. The total expenditure amounted to £2,331,215, an increase of £349,446 on the previous year. This sum included the cost of works carried out for other State departments, amounting to £167,016, and £30,159 for work carried out for the Commonwealth Government; also an expenditure of £16,893 on account of buildings designed and erected by officers of the Works Department for the Public Instruction Department, but the vouchers for which did not pass through the books of the Works Department. The cost of administration and supervision, which embraced salaries, equipment, and other allowances, rents, telephone charges, postage, cleaning, and caretaking totalled £162,636. This represented 6.976 per cent. of the total cost of the work supervised by the department, and was 1.034 per cent less than the preceding year. Exclusive of the cost of administration and supervision, the expenditure during the year was distributed as follows:—Rivers, water supply, and drainage, £585,553; railways and tramways, £529,834; State buildings (Government Architect), £492,179; local government (incidental to), £271,192; roads, bridges, and ferries, £160,964; Fitzroy Dock, £60,975. The decrease of £251,376, expenditure in connection with roads, bridges, and ferries, as compared with last year, was almost entirely due to the operations of the Local Government Act. The amount paid during the year for compensation and other expenditure on account of the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions, was £65,452, as against £93,515 for 1906-7. The amount paid in wages during the year, exclusive of officers and dredge service employees, salaries, and wages, was £317,657, or an increase of £11,444 over 1906-7. The permanent staff of the department on June 30, 1908, comprised 395 officers at a cost of £162,275, or a reduction of 44 officers, and £10,300 in salaries, which was due in a great measure to the expiration of leave and subsequent retirement of officers, due to the introduction of local government. The temporary list, on the other hand, was much larger than in 1906-7, there being 246 officers temporarily employed, as against 236 in the previous year, and the increase in cost was £20,030.

The work in connection with railway construction had been carried on continuously throughout the year. The line from Manilla to Barraba will be ready for handing over to the Railway Commissioners about September, 1909. The erection of station buildings at Winborne, Upper Manilla, Black Springs, and Barraba was well in hand. Trucking yards were provided at Upper Manilla and Barraba. The first section of the line from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney was completed and handed over to the Railway Commissioners on August 6, 1907. This section extended to Trundle, a distance of 16 miles from Bogan Gate. The contract for the second section from Trundle to Tullamore (22 miles 17 chains) was well advanced. The remaining length of 41 miles of the Temora to Barellan line was finished, and handed over to the Railway Commissioners on June 15 last. It had been decided to divide the construction of the North Coast railway into sections, the first being from West Maitland to Dungog, 33¾ miles; the second from Dungog to Gloucester, 39½ miles; and the third from Gloucester to Taree, 44 miles 6 chains. No action had yet been taken in regard to the remaining length of the line, Taree to Grafton, 197 miles. In November, 1907, a tender at £15,050 was accepted for the metal work for bridges over the Hunter and Paterson Rivers, and on April 28, 1908, a contract (£298,238) was entered into for the construction of the first section of the line. The contractor commenced work on May 30, 1908.

The aggregate expenditure during the year on public buildings was £509,073. Important improvements had been carried out at the Parliamentary-buildings during the year, and plans were now in hand for remodelling the Council-chambers and offices, and re-building the Macquarie-street front. In connection with the Rocks resumptions the department during the year erected 32 model dwelling-houses in Windmill-street and nine dwelling-houses in Upper Fort-street, at a cost of £13,106 and £8035 respectively, and these had all been let at satisfactory rentals. A contract for £14,539 had been entered into for the erection of eight shops in George-street North.

The completion of the Cataract Dam had made provision for the immediate needs of the city and suburbs, but in view of the great increase of population in the county of Cumberland, the rapid growth of the city in recent years, and the probable increase in the demand for water for domestic and manufacturing purposes, instructions were issued for investigating further sources of supply, and sites suitable for additional storage reservoirs had been surveyed, and the preliminary investigations would be made in anticipation of placing the work of construction of another large reservoir in hand as soon as the requirements warranted it. Operations at Barren Jack Dam had been making steady progress throughout the year, a diversion channel capable of carrying approximately 8000 cubic feet per second had been excavated through the solid rock on the right bank of the river, and concrete diversion dams had been constructed across the channel, both up stream and down stream, of the dam site, with the result that the ordinary flow was entirely diverted from the river bed, where operations could now be carried on free from interruption in times of considerable flood. The first of a series of experimental irrigation farms, which it was proposed to establish along the line of the canal for the education and information of settlers, had been located about 14 miles west of Narrandera, and alongside the Yanko siding, on the South-western railway line; 300 acres of land had been resumed, cleared, fenced, and ploughed, and was now under the control of the Department of Agriculture.

The navigation of the various rivers had been fairly well maintained throughout the year, principally through the continuous dredging operations which had been carried on, but experience gained from year to year proved conclusively that at best the dredging only gave temporary relief, and permanent improvements to the various entrances could not be looked for until the construction of the training walls and breakwaters was finished in accordance with the approved designs. In the cases of the Tweed, Bellinger, and Manning Rivers, where the entrances had shoaled, it was found impossible to give relief even with the shallow draught bar dredges, owing to the small depth of water on the bars, narrowness of the channel, or other unfavourable conditions. The breakwaters and training walls at Richmond River, Newcastle Harbour, Port Kembla, Crookhaven River, and Moruya River were extended during the year a total distance of 2260ft. This length was somewhat less than in previous years, owing chiefly to the deeper water in which the walls had been constructed. During the year a total of 6,092,684 tons of material were dredged from the various rivers.

The total expenditure during the year on account of national works, roads for closer settlement, and tourist traffic within the shire area, and roads, bridges, ferries, and public watering places in the Western Division, amounted to £165,797.

"THE GLEN."

A MEMORY IN STONE.

Hidden among the hills two miles west of Gosford is a glen which is of some interest as the spot where the late Henry Kendall, Australia's poet, "gathered the inspirations which blossomed into 'Songs from the Mountains.'" The head of the glen is crossed by an escarpment of sandstone, grey and time-beaten, with beautiful ferns, mosses, and lichens hanging over the almost perpendicular rock. In most seasons a tumbling waterfall constantly dashes over this wall of rock, and falls with prismatic sparkle into a surging pool. Even in very dry weather a couple of streams plash down with unceasing treble to the damp boulders at the base. From among these rise thin trunks of water-gum and copsewood in weird greyness to catch the sunlight which filters down the pallid emerald through the leaves. One boulder somewhat more prominent than those around it, has "H. Kendall, 1874," carved upon it, and just a foot or so lower down the rock "G. L. F.," evidently the initials of the late G. L. Fagan, with whose family Kendall lived during his time in this district. "Names upon a Stone" is one of his poems, which refers to this name-carving, and is among "Songs from the Mountains." Just the simple inscription, with the voice of falling waters around it, as it sounded when Kendall chipped the stone 34 years ago. The sorrowful days of his singing are over, but Kendall's name is carefully preserved by that nature he could sing of so well—

There was a rock pool in a glen,
Beyond Narara's sands,
The mountain shut it in from men,
In flowerful fairy lands.
But once we found its dwelling-place,
The lovely and the lone,
And in a dream, I stooped to trace
Our names upon a stone.

COURT SITTINGS ALTERED.

Courts of Quarter Sessions will be held at Hillston on Friday, March 19, instead of Saturday, March 20, as previously notified; at Narrandera on Wednesday, March 24, instead of Friday, March 26; at Cootamundra on Friday, March 26, instead of March 31; and at Hillston on Friday, August 27, instead of August 30.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE MARGARET ANGLIN FAREWELL.

Miss Margaret Anglin gave a great performance as Marise Voysin in Bernstein's drama, "The Thief," last night. The occasion was that of her farewell to Australia, and in this way she took her final leave of audiences on this side of the world in the same character in which the emotional strength and subtlety of her art so deeply impressed them upon her first arrival. The Theatre Royal was crowded, and all through that long dialogue with the husband, forcibly presented by Mr. Henry Kolker, the American actress thrilled and fascinated her audience. The enthusiasm was overwhelming, and at the end of the evening, after countless recalls, and a vain endeavour to make Mr. G. S. Titheradge speak for her, Miss Anglin walked down to the footlights—and was silent. "Don't be frightened," cried an encouraging admirer from the gallery; and the actress promptly replied, "I would not be if I had at my command words adequately to convey the many feelings of gratitude and regret which swell in my heart at this moment." "Tell a little story," suggested another of the "gods." "I gave up doing that in the second act," was the quick retort; and then, bending her faculties to the task, the star made a touching and graceful little speech of farewell, in the course of which she assured her hearers that in her own far-off country many loving thoughts would crowd in upon her as she recalled the happy sunshiny days, the glittering blue seas, and above all the kindly friends that would ever be associated in her mind with her too brief stay in Australia. She could only say "Good-night, good-bye, God bless you." (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Henry Kolker, whose sterling services as leading man, has deservedly won him admirers, was also prevailed upon "to indulge in the luxury of a speech, even though it did not materially add to the gaiety of nations." The actor spoke of the good-fellowship and cordiality which had made his stay so enjoyable, and, thanking the public on behalf of his colleagues on the stage, paid a tribute to Miss Anglin as "the bulliest star in Europe or America." If they had done anything good, it was due to her influence, to the lovely nature of that charming woman, who, when any art goal was before them, urged them with "go to it; I'm willing." (Loud cheers.)

As is now generally known, Miss Margaret Anglin and her sister, Miss Eileen Anglin, sail this morning by the Mongolia on a holiday trip to Europe, part of which will be spent in Egypt. The artist's next call will be to New York, where she has a long season before her, and her ambition will no doubt prompt her to appear in London during 1910 or 1911. Her return to Australia is considered doubtful, owing to the long voyage, and to the fact that she can do so well in her own country, though her first visit here has been marked all through by an ardent public support. Mr. Louis Nethersole, who has represented her with so much tact throughout her stay, sails by the Aorangi on Monday for Vancouver, and will continue to watch over her interests in New York.

Miss Ola Humphrey will now take up the star parts with the company, and will sail with Mr. Kolker, Mr. Titheradge, and the other artists by the Maheno today for New Zealand, where the tour will open at Wellington on Boxing Night.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

The last twelve nights of "The Merry Widow" are now announced at Her Majesty's Theatre, where a record run of fourteen weeks, with one or two holiday matinees added, will enable the popular comic opera to reach its 100 performances. Country visitors will be certain to flock to "The Merry Widow" during these closing weeks. Mr. J. C. Williamson will produce "The Duchess of Dantzic" on Saturday, January 2.

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS."

The Christmas dramatic season at the Theatre Royal will be opened this evening with an elaborate scenic revival of Wilson Barrett's religious melodrama, "The Sign of the Cross." Mr. Julius Knight will re-appear in his original character as Marcus Superbus, but there will be changes of importance to give interest to the production, as Mr. J. C. Williamson has engaged Miss Beatrice Day as Mercia, and Mr. Eardley Turner has returned from England for the part of Glabrio. Mr. Harry Plimmer will again be the Tigellinus, but there will be a new Nero in Mr. Herbert Leigh, and Mr. Reynolds Denniston will be the Licinius, with Miss Elsie Wilson as Berenice, Miss Florence Gleeson as Stephanus, Miss Madge Hope as Poppoea, Miss Pressy Preston as Ancaria, and Miss E. Guildford Quin as Dacia.

CRITERION THEATRE.

Mr. John Wren's season of grand opera in English having terminated with last night's successful performance of "Il Trovatore," the next attraction at this playhouse will be the appearance of a dramatic company formed by Mr. William Anderson, which will open on Boxing Night. A new play, "The Gayest of the Gay," by Arthur Shirley and Eric Hodson, will then be produced with picturesque new tableaux by Mr. Rege Robins, and some strong sensational scenes. Miss Eugenie Duggan will play the principal character in this well-known English melodrama. The plan will open at Elvy's on Monday.

PALACE THEATRE.

Crowded houses have been the rule at the Palace Theatre since the appearance of Miss Maggie Moore in "Struck Oil," but the season is now necessarily drawing to a close, and the final matinee on Wednesday will be followed by the farewell on Thursday night (Christmas Eve). Mr. H. R. Roberts and a competent company assist Miss Maggie Moore in the uproarious fun and pathos of "Struck Oil."

"THE WOMAN PAYS."

Mr. Edwin Geach's new dramatic company will open at the Palace Theatre next Saturday (Boxing Night) with Frank M. Thorne's sensational play, "The Woman Pays," with new scenery showing Sedgecliffe Bay, Langford Manor, the deck of the Neptune, and a wreck at sea. There will be a strong soubrette part for Miss Ethel Buckley as Polly Stokes, and a long cast will include Messrs. K. Hunter, Jefferson Taite, J. P. O'Neill, Harrie Norman, Misses Nellie Ferguson, Helen Fergus, and Pattie Gourlay.

"ROBINSON CRUSOE."

The children of Sydney will not be unprovided for this year, as Mr. Edwin Geach has organised a juvenile pantomime company for the performance of "Robinson Crusoe" at the Palace Theatre. "Robinson Crusoe" will be performed daily at 2 o'clock, at popular prices, opening next Saturday afternoon. Beautiful scenery by Mr. J. Ricketts, and dainty ballets will illustrate the adventures of Robinson (Louie Crawshaw). Herr Diederichsen will direct the music, and the whole will be produced by Mr. Fred. W. Weierter.

MR. EDWIN GEACH'S ATTRACTIONS.

Mr. Frank Thornton will open his absolute farewell to Australia with "Charley's Aunt" at the Princess's Theatre on Boxing Night, under the management of Mr. Edwin Geach. This entrepreneur is also responsible for the John F. Sheridan musical comedy season, opening the same night with "The Lady Slavey," at Newcastle, and for West's Pictures on tour, opening the same evening at Maitland.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

This afternoon and evening, at the Tivoli Theatre, Mr. Harry Rickards's new programme for the week will be contributed to by Frank and Jen Latona, Rochfort and Hart, the Sisters Reno, J. W. Rickaby (last nights), Goodfellow and Gregson, the Four Mascottes, Tom Dawson, Guest and Newlyn, the "Great Marconis," in their sensational electrical act, and many favourite artists.

NATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE.

At the National Amphitheatre the new entertainment for the week, presented this afternoon and evening, will comprise the Two Westons, lady duettists and dancers; Jack Kearns, comedian; Vera Kearns, serio and dancer; Ida Roslyn, comedienne; Ida Rowers, balladist; the Wheelers, comedy trick cyclists; and some of the latest moving pictures by the miorama.

SPENCER'S THEATRESCOPE.

At the Lyceum, this afternoon and evening, Mr. C. Spencer's Theatrescope Company will present a new programme, the star film in which will be "The Destruction of Hyderabad," in which 10,000 people were drowned by the floods on September 28 last. "Saved by a Dog" (pathetic), "Benevuto Cellini," "A Fool for Luck," "Christmas," "The Planter's Wife," and "Wolf-spiders v Scorpions" will be shown.

GLACIARIUM—WEST'S PICTURES.

At the Glaciarium, this afternoon and evening, Mr. T. J. West's new pictures will still include the sensational "Charge of Italian Cavalry" and "Christmas in Many Lands." The recent "Destruction of Hyderabad" in the floods will be the new star film, and "Benevuto Cellini," "Tribulation of a Nephew," "Polly's Excursion," "Disciple of Videog," "Musical Policeman," and other new films, will be exhibited.

THE NEWBURY-SPADA CONCERTS.

In consequence of the success of last Saturday's concert at the Town Hall, Mr. Philip Newbury and Mme. Emily Spada will reappear there at popular prices this evening, when the tenor will sing "The Sailor's Grave," "The Requital," "La Donna e Mobile," "My Pretty Jane," "Alice, Where Art Thou," and "Come into the Garden, Maude." Mme. Spada will sing favourite numbers, Miss Ruby Riccardi will reappear, and Misses Kathleen Beattie, Estelle Mabel Ward, Leslie Harbutt, Messrs. Percy Herford, Eric Harrison, and J. Edward Sykes have all been engaged. The plan is at Nicholson's.

"MESSIAH" CHRISTMAS MATINEE.

Next Friday afternoon (Christmas Day) the Sydney Philharmonic Society will give their annual performance of the "Messiah." Mr. Joseph Bradley will conduct the full choir and orchestra of some 400 performers, with Mr. Ernest Truman as organist, in "For Unto Us," the "Hallelujah Chorus," "All We Like Sheep," and other concerted numbers. Mme. Grace Miller Ward, Miss Estelle Mabel Ward, Mr. H. Neil, and Mr. C. Rosenthal will be the solo vocalists. The plan is at Paling's.

CROSSLEY CHRISTMAS NIGHT CONCERT.

Mme. Ada Crossley and her English concert party will make their only remaining appearance in Sydney this year at the Town Hall on Christmas Night. The famous Australian contralto will sing Handel's "Largo" (with violin, grand organ, and piano), "O Rest in the Lord," "Christmas Bells" (Liddle), and "O That We Two were Maying" (Nevin). Mr. John Harrison's songs will be "Waft Her, Angels," and "The Star of Bethlehem," and, with Mr. Jay Ryan (baritone), "Watchman, What of the Night." Mr. Percy Grainger will be solo pianist, Mr. Leon Sametini violinist, and Mr. Harold Whittle accompanist. Mr. J. Edward Sykes (organist) will direct the concert. Seats can be reserved at Paling's at two prices.

SPECIAL PICTURE SHOWS AT CHRISTMAS.

Mr. C. Spencer announces a special picture entertainment at the Lyceum for Christmas Night, when an elaborated new film entitled "The Life and Death of Christ" will be exhibited, with pipe organ accompaniment.

On Boxing Night Mr. C. Spencer will show a new budget of pictures at the Town Hall, in addition to the entertainment at the Lyceum.

At the Glaciarium, Mr. T. J. West will give a special performance on Christmas Night, with a new programme of pictures, in association with De Groen's Full Military Band.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS.

A sacred and classical concert will be given at the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park, on Christmas Night, for which Mr. Philip Newbury, Mme. Emily Spada, Miss Ruby Riccardi, Mr. Eric Harrison, M. Henri Staell, and Mr. Ernest Truman have been engaged. Favourite numbers from the "Messiah" will form a feature in the musical programme. An elaborate biograph series of "The Passion Play" will be included on the pictorial side of the entertainment.

On Christmas night, the "Messiah" will be performed at the Central Hall by the Balmain District Choral Union, under the direction of Mr. A. J. Walker, when the assisting artists will be Miss Evelyn Selig, Miss Muriel Casey, Mr. F. C. Miller, and Mr. Percy Herford. Miss M'Callum will be the accompanist.

On Sunday afternoon next Mr. G. C. C. Hellemann will conduct an augmented choir at the Petersham Congregational Church in the "Messiah," with Miss Mabel Batchelor, Miss Ada Middenway, Mr. Percy French, Mr. W. T. Colyer, and Mr. Fox (organist) as assisting artists.

The Sutherland District Choral Union of 80 voices will make their first metropolitan appearance at the Centenary Hall on Christmas Night, in conjunction with Mrs. Melville's Juvenile Choristers (40 voices), from Newtown. Mr. Robert Dalley Scarlett will conduct the united forces in excerpts from the "Messiah" and other oratorios, and in glees and carols. Leading artists will assist.

BREAKING-UP ENTERTAINMENTS.

This afternoon the pupils of Herr Otto Vogt will give a pianoforte recital and concert at the George-street studio, to which former pupils and friends are invited.

The senior pupils of M. Desjardins and Herr Wentzel have jointly organised a breaking-up entertainment for this afternoon at St. James's Hall. Cards of invitation are available at the Conservatoire of Music.

"THE SKY PILOT" AT THE Y.M.C.A. HALL.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings next Mr. Edward Reeves will make his only appearances at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, when he will recite on the first occasion Ralph Connor's "The Sky Pilot," and on the second Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol." Mr. Reeves comes here with a fine reputation from Adelaide and Melbourne, and already many seats have been reserved on the plan at the hall.

EXHIBITION-BUILDING PICTURES.

A new programme of the latest pictures will be presented at the Exhibition-building, Prince Alfred Park, this evening, when the principal dramatic subjects will be "Saved by a Dog," "Fall on the Barroom Floor," and "Benvenuto Cellini," with comic, "Tribulations of a Nephew," "Persistent Follower," and "Moonlight Dream." The great disaster at Hyderabad will be shown.

VICTORIA HALL PICTURES.

This afternoon and evening there will be a complete change of programme at Victoria Hall, when the American Picturescope Company will show the latest films of events of the day, and humorous and dramatic stories.

BIJOU PICTURE PALACE.

There will be a change of programme this afternoon and evening at the Bijou Picture Palace, where "Christmas Customs of Many Nations," with choral effects, has proved highly popular. The most newly-imported films of current events abroad, and humorous and dramatic stories, will be shown.

CLAY'S VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

At the Royal Standard Theatre this evening Mr. Harry Clay's Vaudeville Company will present a new programme of song and dance, with some of the latest moving pictures. There will be additional attractions on Boxing Night. Next week's suburban circuit will embrace Petersham (Monday), Balmain (Tuesday), and Newtown (Wednesday).

SALOME DANCE AT QUEEN'S HALL.

An entertainment of music, moving pictures, and spectacular ballet will open at Queen's Hall on Boxing Night, when the central feature will be a representation of the much-talked-of Salome Dance, lately introduced in London by Maud Allan. The programme of novelties, in addition to this sensational dance, will present an electric fountain, a floral ballet with original effects, and some of the latest biograph pictures.

THE COMMONWEALTH EISTEDDFOD.

Enthusiasm is being aroused by the forthcoming competitions of the grand Commonwealth Eisteddfod, which take place in the Sydney Town Hall next Easter, starting on April 5, and extending over eight days and eight nights. Applications by the score are being received from all the States for copies of the syllabus and entry forms. The greatest amount of interest seems to be centred in the grand champion choral contest, for which event the prize money totals £175, but the 70 other items on the programme each have a large following. The liberal prize money, which totals over £1000, ought to ensure entries from all parts of Australia. Mr. Blandford Wright is hon. secretary, and the committee has engaged Mr. J. Edward Sykes as competition accompanist.

FOURTH BALMAIN EISTEDDFOD.

Entries close January 4 for the fourth Balmain Eisteddfod to be held at the Central Hall from January 21 until Anniversary Day. Prizes to the value of £150 and the Paling cup are offered. Messrs. Theodore Trame, Mus. Bac., Oxon (in music), and Miss V. V. Kingsbury (in elocution) have been appointed adjudicators.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

A dramatic entertainment in aid of the Drummoyne Cot Ashfield Babies' Home was given by the pupils of Miss Golding's College in the Drummoyne Masonic Hall. In the operetta "An Hour in Fairyland" the leading characters were sustained by Misses Muriel Ellis, Gladys Smith, Ernestine Slatter, Norma Roseby, Rosie Roberts, Maud Spencer, and Gwendoline Slatter. Violin solos were given by Misses Ivy Wardale and Muriel Kesy; songs by Miss Estelle Bowen and Miss Mabel Barre-Johnston. Scenes from Shakespeare's "Winter's Tale" by Misses Clarice Elder, Hope Rutherford, Rosie Roberts, and Marjorie King, whilst Miss Grace Stafford and Miss E. Morse appeared in the comedietta "The Other Woman."

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB.

The first concert of the Sydney University Glee Club was held last evening in the University Quadrangle. There was a large attendance, and the entertainment was a decided success. The idea of the club grew up amongst a few energetic engineering students, and the club itself was formed about three months ago. The conductor, Mr. E. P. Truman, L.R.C.M., A.R.C.O., is also the instructor; there are 12 men's voices (12 bass and 6 tenor) and 18 women's. It is proposed to try to hold one concert in each term, of which there are three in the year. Sir Normand MacLaurin is the patron, Mr. F. A. Todd president, Miss Fidler, Mr. F. A. Easthaugh, and Mr. Mote vice-presidents, Miss Meares hon. treasurer, and Mr. J. L. Mort hon. secretary. The pieces rendered last night included "The Men of Harlech," "Absence," "O, Who will o'er the Downs so Free," "See our Oars with Feather'd Spray," and "The Mice in Council" (Glee Club); a vocal solo and quartet, "Persian Garden" (Mr. F. A. Easthaugh, Miss Parkinson, Miss Purnell, and Mr. E. Grey); a vocal solo and flute obligato (Miss Board and Mr. Ogilvie); and a vocal trio, "Evening" (The Misses Parkinson, Smyth, and Purnell).

NEW YEAR NIGHT CONCERT.

As the close to the Highland Society's annual sports gathering on January 1, the concert will be held as usual at the Town Hall on New Year's Night. A strong programme of a popular character is already assured, as the list of artists includes Misses Bessie Fraser, Zillah Harrison, Messrs. Andrew Black, G. Hindmarsh-Jamison, A. K. Jamieson, Master Donald M'Beath, the Sydney Madrigal Society, the Scottish Rifles Brass Band, and the Highland Society's Pipe Band, dancers, and pipers. The plan is at Paling's.

MISS ELLA WOODHILL.

Playgoers who assisted at the farewell benefit to Miss Ella Woodhill some months ago will be interested to learn of her marriage in New Zealand with Mr. William Cully, a business man in a large way in Toronto, now on this side of the world in connection with the Kilties Band. Miss Woodhill returns to Canada at the close of the Australasian tour.

LILLIPUTIAN CALIGRAPHY.

Professor A. Rosenbaum, a veteran who lost two of his fingers in the Franco Prussian War, has none the less made a name for the extreme fineness and delicacy of his handwriting. He will give examples of his skill at the Sydney School of Arts on Monday, December 28, by writing the Lord's Prayer three or more times on the space of a threepenny bit.

MISS STAPLETON'S CONCERT.

The second annual entertainment given by Miss Gertie Stapleton and her pupils was held in the Balmain Town Hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. Travers, M.L.C., presided, and the hall was well filled. A long programme, in which Mr. S. Shipway and Mr. F. Shipway assisted, was gone through, and was greatly enjoyed, the dancing of the pupils, as well as the teacher, being highly attractive.

ALLEGED TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS.

ALDERMAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Alexander Stewart Norquay, 48, a contractor, and an alderman of Willoughby, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., with having without lawful excuse endeavoured to persuade and induce one Harry Mold to abstain from giving evidence in a proceeding against him at the Court of Quarter Sessions, the said Harry Mold being bound by subpoena to attend.

Mr. Mant, of the Crown Law Office, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Levien for the accused.

Detective Jones stated that on November 13 last he, with others, went to the corner of Pitt and Park streets, where they saw accused in company with a man named Rochester and a man named Mold. The men remained in conversation for some time after Rochester left. The next day witness arrested accused.

Harry Mold, a bricklayer, stated that on November 13 he was subpoenaed by the Crown to attend at the Quarter Sessions in a proceeding against accused. On November 13 accused called, and asked witness to go for a walk with him, but as he was too busy he declined. Eventually he went when accused said: "We are prepared to pay you to go away to the country. Will you go?" Witness said he did not wish to leave Sydney, and would not go. Accused asked him if he had a subpoena for the then Sessions, adding: "If you did not get one you are all right. Will you meet me at 9 o'clock to-night." Witness declined, but finally agreed to meet accused at 8.30 p.m. at the corner of Park and Pitt-streets. He saw accused there, and saw a tall man with a grey moustache, who was introduced to witness as accused's cousin. The recent Sand case in connection with the Beulah Flats at Milson's Point was mentioned, and the cousin asked, "How is he going to get on in this case; are the witnesses friendly towards him," to which witness said "Yes." The man then turned to accused, and said: "You are all right. This man says all the witnesses are friendly," whereupon accused said: "He is one of the witnesses." Accused, after the departure of his cousin, asked witness if he had considered the proposal to go away, and added: "There is plenty of work in Melbourne. How much will you take to go away. I have been under great expense lately. What is it worth to you. I'll give you a ticket to New Zealand, and a fiver. The boat goes to-morrow." Witness replied that New Zealand would not suit, and he could not go. Accused then said that he would give witness a ticket to Melbourne and five sovereigns. "I want you to stay until Christmas," he added, "and will meet you at the station." Accused said: "Next time we will meet in a darker place. Once we get you away we are all right; then the fun will commence, and Collins will be in it; but for God's sake don't mention this to anyone, or you'll upset all arrangements. When you get to Melbourne, and write to me, sign your letters 'M.' only."

This closed the case for the prosecution, and accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

SPEECH DAYS.

FORT-STREET MODEL SCHOOL.

There was a very large attendance at the formal ceremony of the distribution of prizes at the Fort-street Model School yesterday. Mr. A. J. Kilgour, the headmaster, presided, and there were also present Mr. J. W. Turner, director of technical education, Mr. Q. L. Deloitte, representing the Parkes bursary committee, and Mrs. Board, wife of the Under-Secretary for Public Instruction, who distributed the prizes.

The reports showed that in the boys' department the enrolment for the December quarter was 1057, and the average attendance 924.9, while the average attendance for the year was 935.9; but of 89 boys who went up for the University junior examination, 86 gained passes, and 29 of these qualified in division A of the matriculation examination, and 80 passed in chemistry. The arithmetic medal was won by John Ferguson, J. Dexter being proxime accessit. A proxime accessit in geometry was gained by Roy Farnsworth, as well as the Parkes bursary medal for the best pass in mathematics. The geography medal was gained by Archibald McKillop. Four boys gained special commercial certificates out of six awarded at this examination. All of the nine boys who sat for the senior examination passed, and qualified for admission to the various faculties. The following honours were gained:—Douglas Stafford, the Barker scholarship, No. 11, and Horner exhibition for mathematics; 1st-class honours in mathematics, medal in conic sections, medal in Physics Pt. 11, prox. acc. in trigonometry, second-class honours in French. (Stafford also gained the Bridge's prize for the boy who brought the greatest honour to the school for the year, the Bohrsmann prize for mathematics, and the Turner prize for science). Malcolm, first-class honours in French; Reid, first-class honours in French; R. Alexander, second-class honours in mathematics; M. Alexander, third-class honours in mathematics; Langker, second-class honours in French; Firmon, second-class honours in mathematics; Knight, third-class honours in mathematics; Gostelow, second-class honours in mathematics (Gostelow also won the old boys' prize for the best pass in English). Every boy who sat for this examination gained honours. In March five boys passed the matriculation examination. The total number of boys presented for University examinations was 103, and of these 100 passed, making a percentage of 97. Seven boys passed various Public Service examinations.

In concluding his report, Mr. Kilgour quoted the words of the inspector who recently examined the school:—"The primary school is in a high state of efficiency, and the secondary school is an institution in which the mental and physical growth of the students in accordance with sound educational principles has developed during the past four years to a degree that compels admiration, and challenges comparison with the best work of other secondary schools in this State."

The reports for the girls' departments showed that the enrolment was 693, and the average attendance 590 for the December quarter, and 600 for the whole year. The inspector after the annual examination reported that "the school was well managed, was conducted in an earnest and progressive spirit, and was doing splendid work." The enrolment of the whole school for the December quarter was 2066, and the average attendance 1771.7, while the average attendance for the year was 1770.

PRIZE LISTS.

Boys' Department.

Among the principal prize winners were:—

Seniors.—Bridge's Prize for General Proficiency: Douglas Stafford. Turner Prize for Science: Douglas Stafford. Dr. Bohrsman's Prize for Mathematics: Douglas Stafford. Old Boys' Prize for English: Cecil Gostelow.

Upper Seniors.—General Proficiency: E. Frecker, S. Railton, V. Chedgey, R. Blanchard, H. M'Lelland, J. Morgan.

Lower Seniors.—Special prize for Mathematics: C. Wallace.

Juniors.—Headmaster's Prize for best junior pass: John Ferguson. Mr. W. A. Selle's Special Prizes for proficiency in mathematics at the Junior Examination: John Ferguson, John Dexter, and Roy Farnsworth.

Class Duces:—M 1: David Smith; C 1, Edward Seggert and John Flannery; M 2, Angelo Lewis; C 2, E. Rowbotham; C 3, William Butler; M 3, Hugh Hunter; M 4, Frank Campbell; 6 D, J. M'Kee; 6 C, Reg. Phibbs; 6 B, F. Coogan; 6 A, J. Kennedy; 5 E, J. Spence; 5 D, V. O'Keefe; 5 C, L. Buckham; 5 D, A. Cridland; 5 A, L. M'Kirdy; 4 B, H. Schmidt; 4 A, A. Allen; 3 B, J. Norton; 3 A, W. Curran; 2 A, E. M'Adam.

Special Prizes.—Geography: C 1, C. Allen and A. Hughes. Geography: C 2, J. M'Laughlin. Chess Tournament: H. Griffith.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

Special prizes, presented by Dr. Bohrsmann.—1, Muriel Wilson (best junior pass); 2—Ellice M. Hamilton (second best junior pass). Specials for most popular girls, 7D Class.—Florence Begbie; 7C Class.—Marjorie Moore. Presented by Mrs. Ide, 5A Class—Annabel Lewis. Presented by Mr. Cochrane, 4A Class.—Dux, Sybil Crouch.

Class Duces.—Class II., Pamela Stevens; III.A, Irene Hamilton; III.B, Lily Jamieson; IV.B, May Dexter; V.A, Vera Fox; V.B, Isobel Brown; V.B, 2, Ruby Dorsett; VI.A., Marjorie Breading; VI.B., Esme Lawson; VII.A., Decima Lance; VII.B., Margaret Mansley; VII.C., Agnes Moran; VII.D., Florence Begbie.

Best Junior Passes.—Enid Griffiths, Alice Nash, and Dorothy Harris.

Matriculation Class.—Dux, Bessie Blumer.

DRUMMOYNE COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the above college took place in the Drummoyne Masonic Hall yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a representative gathering. Mr. T. Henley, M.L.A., made the distribution; and Miss Golding submitted a gratifying report of the year's work. A demonstration in physical culture was gone through. Musical items were rendered by Misses Muriel Ellis, Gladys Smith, Dorothy Hawkins, and Ernestine Slatter. The elocution class also gave items. The following is the prize list:—

Dux.—Clarice Elder.

Highest Positions, Class VI.—F. Spencer; V., Marjorie King; Class IV., Freda Thompson; Class III., Eileen Cornish.

Arithmetic (Senior Division).—Clarice Elder. Junior, E. Souden. Mathematics (special), Marjorie King.

French (Upper).—C. Elder; lower, Gladys Smith. Special French: Alice Brown, Dorothy Henley. Latin: Norma Roseby, Carina Irvine. General proficiency (presented by Rev. T. Reynolds), to Ruth West.

History.—Marjorie Kirkwood, Nellie Blencowe. Spelling and Reading: Dorothy Major. Recitation: Lorna Lippmann. Music: Rosie Roberts, Elsie Souden, Elsie Oswell. Needlework: Clarice Elder, Freda Thompson, Hannah Hanson. Special, presented by Mrs. Henderson: Nellie Blencowe. Painting: Winifred King. Good conduct, presented by Mr. T. Henley, M.L.A., to Carina Irvine and Elsie Souden. Neatness in Exercises (presented by Miss Cochrane): Gwendoline Slatter. Popularity (by votes of the pupils), presented by Rev. J. Cosh, B.D.: Gladys Smith. Physical Culture medal (presented by Miss Armstrong to Elsie Souden. Tennis trophy (presented by Mrs. Kirkwood): Alice Brown. Swimming medal (presented by Mrs. Davis): Dorothy Henley. Boarder's House prize: Hope Rutherford.

ASHFIELD BOYS' COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes at the Ashfield Boys' College on Thursday was presided over by the Rev. Mr. Yarnold, R.D. The report of the visiting examiner, Mr. G. Barbour, showed that thorough and systematic work had been done through the year. Mr. Yarnold congratulated the boys on the excellent report.

ASHFIELD SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Ashfield Superior Public School held its speech-day on Thursday at the Ashfield Town Hall. Alderman G. Brown (Mayor of Ashfield) presided, and spoke on early education; and Mr. W. E. V. Robson, M.L.A., presented the prizes. The school reports were very satisfactory. The children presented the head master, Mr. Kevin, the head mistress, Miss Campling, and the Misses Love and Rothwell, two of the teachers, with useful gifts.

ARGYLE SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes took place on Thursday morning. Following is a list of some of the principal prize-winners:—Head of class at two consecutive examinations: Junior, D. Paterson, J. Crabbe, K. Capper; senior, Y. Middleton, D. Bechag, D. Antman, Is. Capper, R. Rubenstein. French: Junior, D. Paterson, M. Westcott; senior, Y. Middleton. Latin: Y. Middleton, D. Antman. Geography: D. Antman. History: D. Antman. General improvement: A. Brown, R. Stoneham, R. Todd. Greek (Miss Brentnall's prizes): Y. Middleton, C. Taylor. French (Madame Marie's prizes): Y. Middleton, Is. Capper, V. Bonnefin. Music: A. Small, E. Moore, J. Moore. Elocution: J. Paine. Drawing and painting: E. Cowan. University subjects: Daisy Hill, history, Latin; Constance Taylor, arithmetic; Ina Butterworth, English, algebra, French.

RAVENSWOOD, GORDON.

At the distribution at Ravenswood, Gordon, the Rev. C. E. James presided. The report of Miss M. Fidler showed that the year had been very successful. A programme of music and recitations was provided by the pupils.

The special prizes were:—Music (Miss Carr Boyd's prizes): Pearl Willard, Mildred Clay. Drawing (Miss Dymock's prize): Gwendolen Ashcroft. Elocution (Miss Walker's prizes): Margaret Benson, Edith Mollet. Tennis championship: Lilian Flecknoe. Physical culture (Mr. Peterson's prizes): Hester Clay, Gwendolen Ashcroft, Enid Ferguson, Dorothy Cole, Edith Mollet, Mildred Clay.

ARMIDALE SCHOOL.

Speech day at the Armidale school on the 11th inst attracted a large and representative assemblage of residents and visitors. Rev. A. H. Reynolds, M.A., head master, presided, and among those on the platform was the Bishop of Newcastle. In the course of his speech the head master held that they had a right to State aid, as they were furthering secondary education in a manner which even their worst detractors could not consider unworthy. Dr. Stretch, in his address, referred to the importance of secondary schools, and afterwards handed the prizes to the successful scholars.

ARNOLD COLLEGE, PETERSHAM.

At Arnold College, Petersham, the Rev. W. M. Smith presided, and testified to the sound character of the work done, and the good results achieved. The institution had made rapid strides. Rev. J. Harrison addressed the boys. He admired the boy who was not afraid of hard work. Mr. D. Scoular, B.A., LL.B., principal, in his report, said that the future policy of the school was the continuation of the present high standard of honour and work. (Cheers.) Mrs. Cohen presented the prizes to the successful pupils, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

KINDERGARTEN TRAINING COLLEGE.

The Sydney Kindergarten Training College's reception was held on Thursday evening in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Sir Philip Sydney Jones, who presided, surveyed the history of the college from its beginnings. Eleven years ago a committee opened a free kindergarten in Woolloomooloo. Now the Kindergarten Union had eight free kindergartens, and a well-staffed and organised training college, which sends out each year highly-qualified teachers to extend the kindergarten system throughout the Commonwealth. Teachers trained at the college are in their turn training others at Newcastle, Adelaide, Brisbane, and elsewhere, and each year sees the scope of the college extended. Professor Wilson addressed his remarks to the outgoing students. The following received diplomas:—Primary course: Evelyn F. Brooke-Smith, Marjorie Colquhoun, Grace Horne, Hinda Lion, Hilda F. Mackenzie, Pearl I. Mitchell, Florence L. Parsons, B.A., Gladys Merle Perdriau, Emmeline L. Ramsay, Dorothy Rosner, Nellie Johnson. Kindergarten course: Isabel M Anderson, Marion Cochrane, Meta B. Doyle, Ruby M. Dufiot, Daisy Hudson, Dorothy Vernon Harris, Ethel King, Rhoda Selfe, Mabel Timbury, Elsa Moore.

HOMEBUSH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The annual break-up of the above school took place on Thursday. The headmaster's report showed that a satisfactory year's work had been accomplished. All the candidates (four) sent up for examination had been successful. The following is the prize list:—Dux of school (gold medal), R. W. [illegible]; form VI., C. Hunter; form V., [illegible]; form IV., H. Vale, H. Campbell, C. Richards; form III., R. Smith; form III.A, R. Richards; form II., J. Potter; form I., A. North; gymnastics, C. Hunter.

METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE.

The prizes of the above institution were presented at the New Masonic Hall on Thursday by the Minister of Education (Mr. Hogue).

Mr. G. S. Littlejohn, who presided, referred to the value of shorthand in bringing young men into immediate contact with their principals. He had known the school for many years, and believed the increasing business clientele of the school was due to the satisfaction given to employers by graduates. He had had several students from the college, and could therefore speak from personal experience.

Mr. Hogue spoke of the service the Metropolitan Business College was rendering the community by spreading a knowledge of subjects which made for business efficiency.

The report showed that 1908, the first year of the proprietorship of Messrs. T. Stanley Summerhayes and J. Arthur Turner, A.C.P.A., had been one of progress and success. The number of students increased from 80 in January to 375 in April, and reached its highest point in July, when there were over 450 students on the roll. For the period January-October no less than 710 students received instruction. It was found necessary to make an extension of premises, and two floors were added. At the examinations in shorthand, conducted in Sydney by the Incorporated Phonographic Society (London), the students of the college not only gained 47 high-grade passes in theory and speed, including two passes at 140 words per minute, and six passes at 100 words per minute and over, but actually secured as many "distinction" passes in the "theory" examination as were secured by all the other New South Wales students sitting at the examination, including students from all other Sydney business colleges. The students who secured "distinction" passes were Misses Wynnie Steele, Nellie Faulkner, Edith Huntley, and Alice Knowles, and Messrs. Henry E. Coss and Peter Gallagher. The annual shorthand gold medal competition, conducted by the Sydney district of the teachers' section of the Incorporated Phonographic Society (London), open to all New South Wales students, awarded to the best work at the highest speed (100 words per minute), was won by William O. C. Day, a student of the college, who was coached by Mr. Summerhayes. An M.B.C. student, Mr. D. Lomaro, gained first place in the entrance examination of the Water Board.

The following is the prize list:—

Shorthand Department.—Day classes—Speed: First prize, Miss Christie Steel (120 words per min.); second prize, Miss Evelyn Brosnan (120 words per min.); third prize, Miss Nellie Hazlewood (120 words per min). Theory: First prize, Miss Ruby Slade; second prize, Percy Raymond. Elementary—Theory: First prize, Miss Vera Rodgers. Evening Classes—Speed: Peter Gallagher and William O. C. Day, equal (100 words per min.). Theory: R. Barmester. Special prize for rapidity of progress: Miss Nellie Faulkner.

Typewriting Department.—Advanced: Gold medal: Touch typewriting test, 15 min., Miss Alice Howard. General proficiency: First prize, Miss Thekla Thorne; second prize, Miss Alice Howard. Elementary: General proficiency, Miss Minnie Easton; touch typewriting, Miss Mabel Jacobs.

Commercial Department.—Advanced grade: First prize, gold medal, Rupert Newland. Intermediate grade: First prize, Charles Willis. Elementary grade: First prize, Marjorie Telfer.

At Newtown Superior Public School a presentation was made to Miss Ryan, mistress of the girls' department, of a gold watch, by Alderman Nat. Lewis.

On Monday an enjoyable evening was held at the Y.W.C.A., the occasion being the breaking-up for the holidays of the Girls' Central Club, which holds classes all the year round for millinery, dressmaking, fancy work, singing, and elocution, besides nights set aside for social intercourse and games. The programme was made up of glees by the singing class, and solos and recitations by the prize-winners. Mrs. Pattinson presided, and distributed the prizes. About 250 girls and their friends were present, and the display of work done by the members was much admired.

MOSS VALE, Friday.

The annual distribution of prizes took place this afternoon at the Moss Vale Public School. Dr. F. C. Stevenson (president of the local School Board) occupied the chair. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Gerald R. Campbell. Other speakers were the Rev. J. H. Craig, M.A., the Rev. D. C. Hughes, and Mr. E. E. Row.

KING'S SCHOOL.

OLD BOYS' UNION DINNER.

AN ATTACK REFUTED.

The annual dinner of the King's School Old Boys' Union was held in Baumann's Cafe last evening. There was a large attendance, over which Mr. Justice Pring, president of the Union, presided. The only guest present was Mr. A. B. Weigall, headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School.

Mr. G. W. Ash proposed "The King's School and Old Macquarie Fields."

The Rev. Stacey Waddy, headmaster of the school and patron of the union, in responding, said that up till a few weeks ago he had thought they could have been in good spirits as to the progress of the institution, but a gentleman speaking in the synod at that time had declared that King's School had practically lost the confidence of the people of New South Wales. (Cries of "Rubbish.") He had taken it upon himself as headmaster to write to the gentleman, and ask him to visit the school and see for himself the work going on there. He was aware it was a blessed thing to be unhampered by the facts of the case sometimes, but in an instance like this he thought a fair-minded man would like to acquaint himself with the true state of affairs. The letter he received in reply declared that King's School had obviously not the confidence of the people, and that the governing authorities were satisfied it was high time that somebody else took a share in its management in order to restore that confidence.

A Voice: It's absolutely ridiculous! (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. Stacey Waddy: In view of the fact that the speech he had referred to was made before a body that had some influence over the constitution of the council of the school, and that it might, unrefuted, carry some weight, he thought he was entitled to make reference to it on this occasion. It was not for him to speak of the quality of the education given at the school, but they certainly tried to take education in its widest and deepest sense. He strongly deprecated any praise of any one school by a damaging comparison with another, but the gentleman he mentioned had declined to take anything into consideration, but mere numbers. He said he would not discuss the question with him (Mr. Waddy), nor would he visit the school, but was content to go upon the numbers, and take that as the final proof of lost confidence. (Laughter.) As a matter of fact if there ever was a time when King's School need not fear that its numbers should be quoted, it was now. (Loud cheers.) During the past twelve months it had beaten its record in regard to boarders, having had more than ever in its 75 years' history. Further, they had scholars from all over Australia, from the farthest part of Western Australia to the Gulf of Carpentaria. In view of this, it was a curious time to make such an attack. (Laughter and cheers.) But there were other things to be considered than mere numbers, and they were trying to make the school all that a church school should be—trying to keep it true to the type of education that the Church would approve. (Cheers.) During the last two years they had undertaken a larger amount of church work than any school in the Southern Hemisphere, and that they were not working for advertisement was proved by the fact that this was not generally known among the old boys themselves. In view of this, he might be pardoned for some little indignation at what had been said in the synod. During the year they had opened two new houses for the extension of the school. They had made an interesting and enterprising departure by beginning at the school a series of special classes for boys going on the land, and the council had shown its keenness and enterprise by taking over a large and splendid house and 43 acres of ground in order to fully develop this new phase of education. No one would say that there was not room for reform in the management of the King's School as in any other institution, but he wanted to be assured that when any proposals for reforms—and in these the Old Boys' Union would very likely take a prominent part—were brought forward, the school should not be treated as having lost the confidence of parents. (Cheers.) The school had tried to be true to its part, and it wanted to be reformed on lines that itself suggested. (Cheers.) It was now a question whether proposals for reform should come from within itself or whether any irresponsible outsider should come along and suggest them. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. R. S. Sands said he thought if the council of King's School could not conduct the school without the interference of any outside busybody then the school might as well be closed up. (Laughter and cheers.) He trusted that it would be seen to that there would be no effect from any such outside interference.

Mr. A. B. Weigall said he was surprised to see Mr. Waddy worrying over what had been said in synod. (Laughter.) It was a compliment to be blackguarded by some people. No one had greater confidence in the future of King's School than he (the speaker) had.

Mr. D. Maughan, in proposing "The Chairman," said he hoped Mr. Justice Pring would accept the position of president for many years.

Mr. Justice Pring said he was glad to think they were of the opinion that he was of use to the union. His two great regrets were that he could not do more work in life, and that the work he did was not better done. But, like the true King's School boy, he did his best. (Cheers.)

GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY.

"NOT LIBERAL ENOUGH."

About 120 sat down to the annual dinner of the Sydney University Evening Students' Association at Sargent's Rooms last night. The president (Mr. V. J. Mills, B.A.) had with him at the head of the table several members of the teaching staff.

After the usual loyal toast Mr. H. Chandler, M.A., in proposing "Parliament" referred to Mr. Reid's work in establishing evening lectures. (Loud applause.) He pleaded for professional courses to be thrown open to evening men. (Applause.)

Mr. Reid, who replied, said the first letter he wrote to a newspaper—and that was when he was 16—was in favour of opening the University to the youth of the community who were compelled to work for their subsistence during the day. More than twenty years after it was his privilege to effect this reform. He referred to the assistance he had received from that great man, Dr. Badham. He was ashamed now to hear that the grant of £2000 a year which he established twenty-five years ago toward evening classes had not been increased. The "evening University" should have every advantage the day University possessed. Personally he had determined, now his responsibilities in public life were not so great, to take this matter up in a practical way. (Loud applause.) He would make himself member for the evening students of the University. (Applause.) There was no country in the world that had so much distraction in the way of intellectual hard work as Australia. If only young Australia would throw as much energy into the development of his immortal faculties as into a good catch at cricket or a goal at football what a magnificent result would follow! He urged his hearers to apply their knowledge, otherwise they would become museums, not men.

Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P., in proposing "The University," said John Stuart Mill on his appointment as rector of a Scottish University laid it down that a University was not a place in which a man could receive a professional training at all—rather a place in which he might obtain the best form of education. They had all had the advantage, like himself, before they entered a university course, of going through an intermediate stage outside, in which they were able to see things in their true perspective. Their president had informed him that 50 per cent. of their number belonged to the teaching profession, 25 per cent. to the public service, and 25 per cent. to commercial life. It was a great pleasure to find so many men devoting their leisure to study. In his opinion the greatest pleasure in life was the retrospect of having done one's duty. (Applause.)

In replying Professor MacCallum referred to the very recent appointment as assistant professors of Messrs. Holme and Schofield. Referring to charges made against the University, he said it was conservative—it should be conservative of its best traditions—but it could not be described as "reactionary." The people of New South Wales were altogether under an illusion when they thought themselves liberal to the University. They might have been 50 years ago. In 1850 the State grant was £5000. The population was then 187,000, and the revenue £1,370,000. In 1908 the Government gave £10,000 statutory grant, £2000 for evening classes, and £1500 for apparatus, a total of £13,500. The population was over a million, and the revenue fourteen millions. Proportionately the University ought to have £56,000. The Madison University of Wisconsin received a grant of £170,000, of which £9500 came from the Federal Government.

"The Evening Students' Association" was proposed by Mr. G. Howatson (the president of the Undergraduates' Association), with a reply by the president.

UNIVERSITY SCOUTS.

CAMP IN HEAT AND RAIN.

The Sydney University Scouts have been putting in some strenuous work in their camp at National Park. The weather has not been altogether favourable. On Thursday and Friday the Scouts were nearly baked. On Thursday night, while bivouacked out in the bush, A Company was drenched to the skin.

The Scouts went into camp on Wednesday, but owing to examinations and other educational engagements they did not muster anything like full strength. Since Wednesday they have been augmented by the arrival of belated volunteers, and expect to muster about 100 all told. Major R. C. Simspon is commanding officer, Captain H. K. Denham second in command, and Lieutenant K. M. Whiting adjutant. It was originally the intention of the commanding officer to have a route march from Thirroul to Liverpool, but a small party went over the route during November and found that the absence of sufficient water would preclude a satisfactory march. The scheme was, therefore, abandoned in favour of the present camp.

The tents are pitched adjacent to the National Park railway station. It is a hot spot, destitute of any shade. A hundred yards to the east and west are plenty of trees, which seem to exist for the purpose of providing shelter for millions of locusts, who screech from morning till far into the night. It is a coincidence that each time the Scouts have encamped at National Park they have been visited by a tremendous thunderstorm. This, the seventh year, has been no exception. A number of Scouts have been encamped on a rocky hill beyond Sutherland. The stifling heat and banked up clouds presaged the coming storm long after nightfall, it burst with all its fury. It seemed unnaturally dark for so early in the evening, when the first flashes of lightning came. Then the Scouts on the hill got out their waterproofs, and made what use they could of the trenches. The rain fell in torrents, penetrating through great coats. Vivid flashes of lightning were followed by terrific peals of thunder, which echoed and re-echoed amongst the gorges.

With morning came the invader. B Company had left camp early. It had first to locate the enemy, and then dislodge him. The scouting work prior to the location of A Company was no child's play. The ground was rugged and mountainous. The defenders had entrenched themselves cleverly, and five Scouts from the attacking force stumbled right on the lines without knowing it. There was a cry of "Hands up," and they were put out of action.

Later on, the B Company having located the enemy, advanced to the attack. They availed themselves of every rock or shrub that offered cover, and gradually encircled the kopje held by A Company. The rattle of musketry continued as the attacking force drew in. But they had small chance of hitting the defenders, who exposed the smallest possible target to their aim. The fusillade continued, and grew hotter as the combatants neared each other. In the last couple of hundred yards the defenders made good practice, and, when the umpire's decision is made known, it will probably be that B Company were almost annihilated before reaching the summit of the hill.

Later on B Company went out, and bivouacked for the night. To-day probably A Company will have to locate and dislodge them in a similar manner. The Scouts are engaged chiefly in field work and outpost duties. On Sunday there will be a church parade in the morning, and visitors will be allowed in camp during the afternoon. Monday will be set aside for special work, and an inspection. On Tuesday the Scouts will strike camp.

CADETS STRIKE CAMP.

Yesterday afternoon saw the conclusion of the annual training of the Senior Cadets at Yarra Bay. early morning after the bathing parade was spent in general fatigue duties, putting the camp to rights, prior to evacuation.

This accomplished, the battalion was drawn up for inspection by Colonel Paul. The inspection was more in detail than that of the previous day, and included a general inspection of arms and accoutrements. Lads kept their rifles and other equipment in good order, the only unsatisfactory feature being the absence of belts in many cases. At the order, "Form fours" there were always a few who were late in getting into position. In manipulating the rifle many held the weapon as if it might go off. It was obvious that the elementary ground work of the soldier's duties had not been thoroughly imparted to the boys.

Officers speak very highly of the discipline of the third battalion while in camp. There was no lack of animal spirits, and the novelty of a first camp was keenly enjoyed by many. But when on duty the lads took their work seriously, and did useful work. Major Dove, of the Instructional Staff, is thoroughly satisfied with the result.

The work of striking tents and setting all to right was performed, and by evening all the cadets, with the exception of the Armidale and Cootamundra contingents, had returned home. Special commendation should be given to these country scholars, who at considerable inconvenience availed themselves of the opportunity for military training.

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THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—If the Department of Labour has notified the keepers of the terms of the Early Closing Act re holidays, I wish, through the medium of your journal, to draw attention to the generosity of the Shop Assistants' award, which reads as follows:—"That if any shop is kept open for business on any of the following days, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, or New Year's Day, shop assistants shall be paid double time for all time worked, for the purpose of making up the time-sheets and overtime.

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LADY, m.-a., domes., Cook, will housekeep, or exchange part day for home. C., An'dale P.O.

MIDDLE-AGED Man, light, active, groom, garden, genl. useful, 7 yrs. refs. Boot, 657, Herald.

NURSE, good references, would like entire charge of Baby or Invalid. H. Robertson, Herald.

RESP. Widow, compt., wants place, light duties, low wages, comf. home, refs. H.L., Herald, King-st.

SOBER, mid.-aged Man, Caretaker, gard., housework, any light employment. Apply 662, Herald Office.

TALL stylish Barmaid seeks Pos., public bar, 3 yrs.' refs., good connect. May Williams, P.O., Glebe Pt.

TO Employers.—Servants of all kinds waiting Sits. Call, write, ring up Simpson, 77 Eliz.-st. T. 3317.

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TWO young Ladies des. Sitn., one Nurse, other L. Help, all duties, assisted. Isis, P.O., Goulburn.

WAITING, exp. y. Nurse, 28, gd. n'woman, per. refs.; y. Lady Help and Comp. 72 Enmore-rd.

WAITER, respect., wants posn. in Hotel or Club, [illegible] Hyde, 159 William-st, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, by 3 experienced Waitresses, POS. in the country, same town pref. A.B.C., Manly P.O.

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WANTED, by eld. Person, Place of trust, wages not such an obj. as comf. home. Trust, King-st Herald.

WANTED by resp. Woman, Washing, by the day, good washer. 14 Bennett-st, Moore Park.

WANTED, as a first-class Laundress, Work, by the day. R. F., Edgecliff P.O.

WTD. by resp. Person, mid.-aged, Sit. in small family, fond childr., gd. ref. S.M.E., P.O., Oxf.-st.

WANTED, Pos. as Caretaker, 5 exp. domestic, well recommended. Apply first, Reliable, Lanors P.O.

WANTED, by young Girl, Situation as Lady Help, comfortable home desired. Apply 1858, Herald.

WATCHMAN, Caretaker, any place of trust, good ref., £50, sec. if required. Lex, Herald Office.

WANTED by sober middle-aged Man, WORK, orchard, garden, milk, plough, useful, moderate. 664, Herald Office.

YOUNG MAN, 23, strong, not afraid of work, desires SITUATION of some kind. 658, Herald.

YOUNG Man, good appearance, wants Position Traveller or out-side work. Apply Buyer, Herald Office.

YOUNG Man des. Employment, store, drive, know [illegible] woods, best refs. R. D., Annandale P.O.

YOUNG lady, do light duties or teach accomplishments, ret. comf. refined home. R.L., Ashfield P.O.

YOUNG domes. Lady wishes Holiday Engagement, children, sm. sal. M'Kenzie, Welch, 30 Elizabeth-st.

YOUNG Woman, well recom., like Washing or Cleaning by day. N.S. pref. M.K., P.O., Crow's Nest.

YNG. Man seeks Employment as Carter, etc., full knowl. horses, h. refs. Carter, 472 Cleveland-st.

YOUNG Woman, with a baby, would like Situation in small family. Apply A. A., P.O., Woollahra.

YOUNG Woman would like Pos. as Housemaid, hotel pref., excel. refs. J. D., Oxford-st P.O., Padd'ton.

YOUNG Woman desires WORK by day. 44 Zamia-st, Redfern.

YOUNG Married Couple seek Sit. on first-class station, man ride, milk, kill, wife light household duties. Address, H. A., c/o Eastwood P.O.

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AT SIMMONDS' AGENCY, 188 CASTLEREAGH-ST.—MAN COOK, 25s, bachelors; Hut Cook, 25s. YOUTH, milk, 15s, mountains; GARDENER, 15s. 2 HOUSEMAIDS-WAIT., 15s, lead. hotel, mountains.

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A DOZEN good Generals, for Glebe. This (Saturday) morning, good wages. Home Agency, 15 Glebe-rd.

A GENERAL wanted, at once. Mrs. Cohen, 108 Pitt-st, Redfern.

A GEN., H.M. kept, 16s, 4 adults, villa, Stanmore; 2 Friends or Sisters, villa, M'ville. 72 Enmore-rd.

A GOOD Gen. Servant, per. refs., sleep home. Mrs. Evans, 14 Londonst, Enmore.

A REF. Girl, as Gent., sm. fam. Davies, The Kopje, Wellesley-rd, Mosman. Tram to Public School.

A SMART YOUTH, to be generally useful. Mrs. Philip Hart, Queen's Cafe, Queen Victoria Markets.

A STRONG LAD wanted, used to horses. Greenacre, Vernont, Wardell-rd, Dulwich Hill.

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AT HUNTER-ST AGENCY.—Houseman, 12s 6d, tips; Cook and Laundress, no objection woman with a child, 17s; H. and Parlour Maid, 16s; Housemaid, 12s; General, 20s. 76 Hunter-street. Tel. 3381.

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BOY, about 15 or 16, used to country and horses, gen. useful. Apply by letter, A.B.C., 163 Phillip-st.

COMPT. yng. Gen., cott., Mosm., light pl., ref. req. Apply pers. or letter, Yass Villa, Muston-st, Mosm.

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COOK and LAUNDRESS, 3 in family. Apply this morning, or by letter, Mrs. H. B. GREENE, 4 Barncleuth-square, Darlinghurst.

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DOMES. Lady Help wanted, no cooking or washing, 10s. Abbotsford Tea Rooms.

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GEN. SERVANT, compt., no washing, ironing, 15s, refs. Mrs. Cardew, The Gunyah, Wallace-st, Burw'd.

GENERAL Servants wanted at once; also Cooks and others. Simpson, 77 Elizabeth-st.

GENERAL, or Mother's Help, good home, 10s week. Mrs. James Murphy, Flemington, opp. station.

GENERAL, at once, young, smart, clean, references. 11 a.m., Kiosk, Hyde Park.

GIRL to mind child, sleep home. 97 Denison-st, Woollahra.

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GROOM and Ostler, 20s, Mountains; Gard., drive, milk, 15s, sub; K'man, 20s. Hittmann's, 61 Eliz.-st.

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HOUSEMAIDS (2), leading city hotel, 17s, meet gent. 11. HITTMANN'S AGENCY, 61 Eliz.-st.

HOUSEMAN, 12s, Katoomba; generally useful Man, 12s, N. Sydney. Wilton, 29 Elizabeth-st.

HOUSEKEEPER, all duties, 2 adults, gas stove, easy place, comf. home. Karimba, Ocean-st, Bondi.

KITCHENMAN, permanent for sober, reliable man. After 9, Jesson's Town Hall Coffee Palace, Geo.-st.

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LAUNDRESS, 18s, Katoomba; Housemaid, Waitress, 15s, Katoomba. Wilton, 29 Elizabeth-st.

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LIGHT GENERAL or LADY HELP, 10s week, plain cook. Fahl, Sutherland-st, off Waters-rd, Neut. B.

LIGHT GENERAL wanted, adult family, good wages. 50 Victoria-st, Potts Point.

LIGHT General, housemaid kept, no washing, wages 15s. Mrs. BURGE, Nezoola, opp. Bishop's front gate, Carrington-road, Randwick.

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NURSE required, 2 children, 14s, Darlinghurst. Apply 11 a.m., Wilton, 29 Elizabeth-st.

NURSE GIRL wanted, wages 7s 6d. 49 Hereford-st, Glebe Point.

NURSE, care 2 children, 3 and 2 years, competent, good wages. Apply The Fort, Middle Head.

NURSERY Help, used children, 2 children, gen. kept. 8s, immed. Loel, Silver-st, Randwick.

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WAITRESSES, young, experienced, references. 11 a.m., Kiosk, Hyde Park.

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WANTED, HOUSEMAID WAITRESS. Apply, with references, Keston, Kirribilli Point.

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WANTED, GIRL, for light housework, easy place. 6 Bennett-st, Newtown.

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YNG. General, 3 in fam., pers. refs., R.C. pref. Mrs. Cook, 112 West-st, North Sydney.

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LOST, betw. Randwick and Maroubra, Saturday night, RING. Reward, Town Hall, Randwick.

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LOST, Thurs. night, Macleay-st, Chain Bag, contg. gold and all. Rew., Harrow Coll., 107 Macleay-st.

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LOST, bet. D'hurst sec. and W. Buckingham's, small Gold Chain. Reward, 145 Barcom-st, D'hurst.

LOST, from Kenmure, Oberon-st, Randwick, Chestnut Gelding, hog mane. Reward.

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LOST, Wed., bet. B'w'd, Milson's Pt., L'field, H'sby, Nug. Brooch; rew. Miss Roberts, Church-st, Burw'd.

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LOST, in city, Thursday, plain Gold BANGLE; reward. Fourth Floor, 2 Bridge-st.

LOST, betw. Greenwich and Stadium, BANKBOOK, No. 187,273. W. Hogan, Chisholm-st, Greenwich.

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LOST, Gold Bamboo Bangle, bet. Pymble and Cowan Creek; rew. Bungalow, Telegraph-rd, Pymble.

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LOST, Lady's o.f. Gold Watch, enam. back, keepsake, lib. rew. Niagara, Francis-st, Randwick.

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LOST, a Cab Cushion, bet. Grand Hotel and Botany-st, Waverley. Please return, 62 Bondi-rd.

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LOST, from 161 Barcom-av., D'hurst, Australian Terrier, black body, tan legs, silver head; reward.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS WHISKY.

LEFT in Leichhardt tram, Thursday evening, Lady's BLACK BAG PURSE, containing money and jewellery. Good reward at
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LEFT by a young Woman in Summer Hill waiting-room, a Gold BROOCH, chain attached (keepsake); reward. No. 7 Imperial Arcade; or
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JESSE BLISS, or if dead, his Representatives, may benefit by communicating with GEORGE H. GRINS, Solicitor, 63 Temple Row, Birmingham, England.
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THE BANKRUPT ESTATE of WALTER JAMES DALE, of CLIFTON, Baker, No. 17,080.
…DERS are hereby invited, and will be received …Office, up to 12 noon on MONDAY, 21st instant, … PURCHASE of the BAKERY BUSINESS of the …d Bankrupt, situated at CLIFTON.
… Business is old-established.
… bags of Flour have been used per week.
… a Lease, having 3 years to run, of the … Premises and 3 Cottages.
… particulars will be supplied on application …
… 10 per cent. deposit must accompany each … The highest or any Tender not necessarily …
… Book Debts due to the Estate are not included.
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WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER,
Official Assignee.
…Elizabeth-street,
Sydney, December 18th, 1908.

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…NICIPALITY OF ALEXANDRIA.
…ENDERS for the following Services for the year …December 31st, 1909:—1. Removal of Garbage. … Gutterways. 3. Cartage. 4. Kerbing …Guttering—will be received up to 3 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, December 23. Tenders to be endorsed and … to the Mayor. Specifications and any other …tion may be obtained at the Town Hall during …hours. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
J. L. SUTTON,
Town Clerk.
…n Hall, Alexandria,
…th December, 1908.

… YEAR AFTERNOON.—Auction of 20 Cronul… …lots. Plans from Mobbs and Co., Parramatta.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.
TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 28th December instant, for the SUPPLY of the various articles and the PERFORMANCE of the various works hereunder mentioned, for the year 1909, in accordance with the specifications to be seen at the office of the Comptroller of Corporation, Assets and Stores, Town Hall, Sydney.

General Stores	Disinfectant
Plumbers' Requisites	Glass
Orderly Bins	Coal (General)
Indiarubber Hose	Stationery
Locks	Repairing Chairs
Paints	Laundry Work
Whitelead	Liquid Soap
Brushware	Cement
Timber	Earthenware Pipes
Blacksmith's Work	Kerb and Gutter (Sandstone)
Clothing	Kerb and Gutter (Trachyte)
Packings	Blockboys' Uniforms.
Engine Stores	

ELECTRICAL GOODS:
Oils, Chemicals, Castings, Wires and Cables, Electric Goods, Metals, Arc Lamps and Spares.

AND for the following, the specifications for which may be seen at the office of the City Surveyor, Town Hall, Sydney:—
Metal, Screenings, Pea Gravel.

ALSO for the following, the specifications for which may be seen at the office of the Chief Inspector of City Cleansing, Town Hall, Sydney.
Cleansing of Earth Closet Pans.
Collection of Glass and Iron from Tip.

Any modification, addition, or alteration of the specification or general conditions will render the tender informal.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
THOMAS H. NESBITT,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney,
16th December, 1908.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.
DESIGNS and TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until 3 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 30th December instant, for Improvements to Macquarie Reserve.

Persons submitting a tender with design for such work are required to lodge a cash deposit of ten pounds (£10) with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of Tenders.

A premium of £5 will be awarded in the event of the acceptance of any design, should the tender accompanying same be not accepted.

Particulars may be obtained at the office of the Deputy Town Clerk, at the Town Hall, Sydney.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
THOMAS H. NESBITT,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney,
19th December, 1908.

MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY, Ltd.
TENDERS are invited from contractors willing to undertake the LIGHTERAGE requirements of this Company.
Tenders close on 31st instant.
Particulars on application.
J. P. FRANKI,
Manager.

MUNICIPALITY OF CONCORD.
WATER CART.
COACHBUILDERS.—TENDERS invited until the 28th inst, accompanied by designs and specification, for a WATER CART.
JAS. H. BOLSTER,
Town Hall, Concord, Town Clerk.
18th December, 1908.

OFFICE FITTINGS.—Price wanted for Making Counter, etc. Call 10 a.m., Mond., 225 Oxf.-st, Bondi J.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
IN THE MATTER OF
ALEXANDER DEAN AND SONS, LTD.,
In Liquidation,
BUILDERS and CONTRACTORS, 455 BOURKE-STREET.
TENDERS are invited, and will be received up to noon on WEDNESDAY, 30th instant, for PURCHASE of the following ASSETS, viz.:—
LOT 1.—Paint, Oils, etc.
LOT 2.—Painters' Plant and Scaffolding.
LOT 3.—French Polisher's Materials.
LOT 4.—Timber.
LOT 5.—General Ironmongery.
LOT 6.—Builder's Plant.
LOT 7.—Woodworking Machinery.
LOT 8.—Tangye's 14-H.P. Engine.
LOT 9.—Tangye's 16-H.P. Boiler.
LOT 10.—Office Furniture and Fittings.
(Particulars will appear at a later date.)
STARKEY and STARKEY,
Chartered Accountants,
Agents for the Trustee.
Sydney, 18th Dec., 1908.

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MEMEL METAL LATHING.
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PLASTERERS.—Tenders wanted, residence, Bertha-rd, Neutral Bay. Verrill's job and Spit-rd, Mosman.

PLANS and Spec. prepared, any class of building, from £1 1s. Robinson, Robert-st, Marrickville.

PLENTY of Verandah and Hearth Tiles, compt. men to lay them, no delays. Streatfield, 298 Pitt-st.

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Price and particulars to
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THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Ltd.
TENDERS will be received up till noon on MONDAY, 21st inst, for the supply of the undermentioned STORES during the HALF-YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1909:—

MEAT,	BREAD,
VEGETABLES,	MILK,
ICE,	SILMAKERS' GOODS,
WASHING,	TOWAGE.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
For further particulars apply to
THE NORTH COAST S.N. CO., Ltd.,
3 Sussex-street,
ROBERT A. HELL, Manager.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS are invited for the ERECTION of COTTAGE at NORTHUMBERLAND-AVENUE, PETERSHAM.
Plan and Specification upon application to
S. H. BUCHANAN, A.I.A.,
Architect,
Challis House, Martin-place.
Tel., City 746.

TENDERS are invited for Re-Shingling and Repairs to Roof of ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, TUMUT.
Specification at 5 Bond-street, Sydney, and Rectory, Tumut.
Tenders to be addressed to THE RECTORY, TUMUT, not later than 8th JANUARY, 1909.

TENDERS required for MAKING 150 DOZ. FLANNELETTE UNDERCLOTHING. Tenders to include prices for making together with quantity of Material for each garment in Ladies' and Children's Underclothing, Nights, Chemises, Knickers, Combinations, Underskirts, Dressing Jackets, Sleeping Suits.
WINN and CO.,
Redfern.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS invited, 2 COTTAGE RESIDENCES, nr. CENTENNIAL PARK, WAVERLEY.
A. A. LEWIS, Architect,
Alison-road,
Randwick.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS are invited for Cottage, Watson's Bay, closing January 8th.
JOSELAND and VERNON, Architects,
9 Castlereagh-street.

TO BUILDERS.
Contractors desirous of Tendering for the Erection and Completion of 14 Cottages in Newtown, are requested to forward names, etc., to
JAMES CAMPBELL, Architect,
16 Enmore-road, Newtown.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection and Completion of a Shop and Dwelling, Stores, etc., in Newtown. For Plans, etc., apply to
JAMES CAMPBELL,
Architect,
16 Enmore-road, Newtown.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS are invited for the Erection of COTTAGE VILLA RESIDENCE, Roseville. Plans and Specification to be seen at my office.
GEORGE W. DURRELL, A.R.I.B.A., Architect,
Terry's-chambers, 14 Castlereagh-street.

TENDERS for BUILDING and COMPLETING FOUR COTTAGES at GOULBURN will be received up till Tuesday, January 5th. Plans and specifications seen at King's Head Hotel, Park and Elizabeth streets. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TENDERS DRAIN PIPES, all sizes and fittings, GULLIES, SINKS, PANS, TRAPS, GRATES, all sanitary Ware. M. J. CONLON'S Pottery, Broughton-street, Glebe. Est. 1875. 'Phone, 81 Glebe.

TENDERS invited for Altering Shop Front and Shelving Work, at 272 Oxford-street, Paddington; also separate price for Paperhanging, Painting, etc., inside house. Grace Bros., 270 Oxford-st, Padd. Close Dec. 31.

TEN Thousand Loads dressed 12in square stone; 12 x 12 Iron Bark Girders, 16ft x 12in x 6in Joists, 3000 20 x 10 P.B. Slates, 10,000ft Hardwood Boards.
NEWLAND, Spring-st, near Pitt-street.

TENDERS.—Separate TENDERS are invited for Supply and Delivery at Fort Macquarie of 120 galls. MILK and 100 galls. GINGER BEER, for Harbour Trust Employees' Picnic. D. MILES, Harbour Trust.

TO ARCHITECTS and Builders.—Tenders given for all kinds of Wood-turning, Ver. Posts, Brackets, Band-sawing, Fret-cutting, and Carving. Detail work. 'Ph. 535 Glebe. J. BUCHANAN, 741 Harris-street, Ultimo.

TENDERS, Plastering and Painting, 4 Buildings, Thorby-avenue, Catherine-st, Leichhardt.

TENDERS for Water Service. Apply after 1 o'clock, H. Dellow, Veron-st, Bexley, opp. Presby. Ch.

TENDERS required for Fencing. L. W. Trevaskis, 20 Lane Cove-rd, North Sydney.

TENDERS for Connecting Sewer. Plans, T. Mills, Sydney-st, Marrickville.

TENDERS wanted for about 70ft Fencing. L. and m. Apply after 2 p.m. No. 7 Richard-st, Newtown.

TENDERS, for Shop at Carlton. Apply W. J. Jones, Gray-st, Kogarah.

TENDERS wtd., whitewash'g inter. facty. Bet. 8 and 10 a.m., Anderson and Co., Albion-st, Sur. H.

TENDERS for Tiling Verandah and Hearths. Job, Ewart and Garnet sts, Fern Hill. J. K. Graham.

TO Carpenters.—Tenders for Roofing and Joisting Cot. Villa, Kensington. Plans, 125 Victoria-st N.

TENDERS required for STRING BAND, for Harbour Trust Picnic, 11th Feb. D. Miles, Harbour Trust.

TENDERS for laying out Grounds, new residence, Dbl. Bay. Apply Mond., A. Rogalsky, 48 Hunter-st.

TENDERS for Fibrous Plaster Ceilings. Griffiths, Enfield-st, off Livingstone-rd, Marrickville.

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Apply C. CLUBB, 61 York-street.

FOR SALE, an Appropriation of £400 in Starr-Bowkett Society, £27 10s paid in subscriptions, 12½ years to repay, no interest. Best offer to Cash, P.O., Enmore.

TO LEND, 4 p.c., £500, £775, £1100, £1750, £3000, £22,100. R. Shaw and Co., 117 Pitt-st. T., 4485.

TRUST FUNDS to lend on Mortgage. Read and Read, Solicitors, 133 King-st.

WANTED, £1600 at 5 per cent. on leasehold Cotts., city, net yearly rent £250. H.Y., H'market P.O.

WANTED, on good Orchard Property, second Mtg. for £300, large margin, priv. lender. Dalton, Hld. Bch

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ANY PERSON requiring a LOAN of MONEY PRIVATELY, please WRITE to me, or CALL ANY EVENING from 7 to 9. B. JONES, 60 Regent-street, Paddington, off Oxford-street.

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NORMANHURST, Ashfield.—Mrs. STILES and Miss JENNINGS. The Next Term will begin on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd. The Principals at home on JANUARY 21st and 27th.

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RANDWICK,
on
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1909,
THE DAY AFTER THE A.J.C. ANNIVERSARY RACE MEETING,
AT 2.30 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, AMONG THE LOTS ALREADY ADVISED ARE Mr. W. N. WILLIS'S (who is giving up racing), RACEHORSES IN TRAINING AND UNTRIED STOCK.
FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON,
Blood Stock Salesmen,
244 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Bird to sell by auction at their Bazaar on MONDAY NEXT, at 12 o'clock,
LADY ISABEL, black mare, 5yrs, by Haut Brion (imp.) from Miss Westbourne (imp.).
GLITTER, bay mare, 4 yrs., by Haut Brion (imp.) from Golden Fleece.
Extended pedigrees and performances at sale.
On account of Mr. GEO. SMITH.
LOLOMA, Bay G., 15.3, 5yrs., by America from a mare by Idulian (imp.).
On account Owners.
GLEN DRANE, Ches. G. (brother to Pharos), by Enistymon from Sphinx.
DEXTER, Bay G., 5yrs., 14.3, by Trenchant—Roxborough mare.
On account Mr. C. SOLOMON.
LITTLE DOD, Bay G., 14.2, Kens. cert., by Beauchamp (imp.)—Baby Rose.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING.
SALE OF GATES.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, to sell by auction at their Bazaar, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, 23rd inst., at 12 o'clock,
The Right to Collect at the Outside Gates for the above Meeting, to be held at RANDWICK on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1908, and JANUARY 1, 1909.

POLE LORRY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. SELLEN, to sell by auction at their Bazaar on TUESDAY NEXT, at 11.15 a.m.,
Pair Staunch Draught Horses, Pole Lorry, and Set D. Har., in good order.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
TUESDAY NEXT,
AT 2.30 P.M.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account FLORANT MARTEL, Forbes.
20 Heavy and Medium Draughts and upstanding Light Harness Horses. Full particulars not yet to hand.
On account Mr. R. MEREDITH, trucked at Goulburn.
10 Upstanding HORSES, comprising suitable for tradesmen's cart work; chestnut Gelding, 16 hands, described as exceptionally good, suitable for cab; and a reliable black Harness Pony; all in good condition, broken in.

HORSES, HORSES, HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
WEDNESDAY NEXT,
AT 2.30 P.M.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account of SOUTHERN AGENTS, Gundagai.
10 Good Active Business Carts and Buggy and Cab Horses, all 4 to 6 years old, principally broken in, and in good condition.
On account Messrs. M. and F. O'DONNELL, Aberdeen.
20 High-class Horses, comprising principally strong active Horses, suitable for business carts; also upstanding good quality light Horses, suitable for buggy, cab, and sociable work, all in splendid condition, broken in.
On account Mr. W. C. DENNES, Carcoar.
10 Upstanding Light Harness Horses, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
INGLIS AND SON'S RAILWAY STOCK SALEYARDS, 837 GEORGE-STREET.
THURSDAY NEXT, AT 11 A.M.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, on account of Messrs. M'Intosh Bros., D. Buffer, and others,
60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young Calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.
IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF VALUABLE BLOOD MARES, RACEHORSES, AND UNTRIED RACING STOCK, FROM THE HAVILAH AND BINNIA DOWNS STUDS.
H. CHISHOLM AND CO. have been favoured with instructions from JOHN McMASTER, Esq., of Binnia Downs, and HUNTER WHITE, Esq., of Havilah, to sell by Auction, at their Randwick Stables, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 28,
VALUABLE DRAFTS OF BLOOD STOCK, AS ABOVE.
NOTE.—Catalogues are now in course of compilation, and intending Vendors are requested to favour us with early particulars.
LIVE STOCK INSURANCE.
We are BRANCH MANAGERS for the YORKSHIRE INSURANCE CO., so all business is transacted direct with us.
H. CHISHOLM and CO.,
Blood Stock Salesmen,
60 Castlereagh-street,
Sydney.

CAMDEN.
TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER, 1908.
W. LARKIN will sell, at his Sale Yards, CAMDEN, on TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd December, at 1 o'clock,
On account Mrs. J. MULHOLLAND.
2 Good Milch Cows, with young calves at foot.
1 First-class Jersey Cow, springing.
15 Choice Springing Heifers.
50 Superior Local Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2½ years. These Heifers are local. They are nearly all in calf, all in good condition, well-bred, and are worthy special attention.
On account OWNERS.
15 Mixed Dairy Cattle.
On account Mrs. MULHOLLAND.
1 Superior Filly, 3 yrs., unbroken.
1 Good Yearling Filly.
1 Useful Brood Mare.
On account Captain WATT.
1 High-class strong Buggy Horse.
1 Reliable Saddle and Harness Pony.
1 Yearling Pony, by Harold Prince.

SALE, TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER, 1908.
I HAVE A BUYER for GOOD PAIR OF CARRIAGE HORSES. Owners are requested to send full particulars and price at once.
J. H. BEALE,
Horse Salesman,
127 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

TUESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1908,
AT 11 O'CLOCK.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
AT THE MART,
124, 126, and 128 CASTLEREAGH-ST.
ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
WITH ALL FAULTS.
EX ORUBA.
A and C in diamond, No. 400.
1 CASE ENGLISH ELECTROPLATE.
Manicure Sets, Ladies' Hand Mirrors, Ladies', Gents.'s, and Children's Brush and Comb Sets, Cake Baskets, Wall Mirrors, etc.
Also,
CUT GLASS PICKLE BOTTLES, in E.P. Frames. FOUR and FIVE BOTTLE CRUETS.
TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.
11 BALES TAPERED CORKS, 1½ and 1¾ inch.
1 CASE WHIPS, Whalebone and Steel, Buggy, Carriage, and Riding.
9 CASES COFFEE, 1lb and ½lb.
60 DOZEN HAIL COLUMBIA WRITING TABLETS.
2 CASES DOLLS and TOYS.
WITH ALL FAULTS.
84 BOXES DATES.
60 TRAYS MUSCATELS, each 5½lb.
S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY have been instructed to SELL, as above.

IMPORTANT SUBDIVISION!

32 FARMS! 32 FARMS! 32 FARMS!

Close to the Town of **TAMWORTH**, And intersected by the Railway.

Lucerne, Wheat, Dairying, Grazing.

The Estate surrounds the Township and Railway Station of MOONBI, and extends from 6 to 14 miles from Tamworth—the City of the Liverpool Plains. There are Railway Sidings also at Nemingha and Tintinhull, adjoining the Estate.

MOONBY comprises some beautiful Lucerne Farms and land suitable for Lucerne and Tobacco, as well as Wheat and Grazing areas.

The 32 Farms range in size from Small Lucerne Blocks of 50 and 60 acres along the Cockburn River, to 1900 acres, which is the area of the Homestead Block. All classes of Farming have been provided for in the subdivision of this Estate.

MOONBY
(18,000 ACRES)
ESTATE.
RAINFALL, 30 INCHES.

ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN PROPERTIES IN THIS RICH AND PROSPEROUS DISTRICT!

Moonby has been in the hands of the Gill Family for the past 50 years.

The Township of Moonbi at the Railway Station has been cut up into 12 Blocks of from 1 rood to 1¾ acre. Most of these already have buildings upon them which are tenanted. These township lots should become very valuable in the near future with the rapid growth of the district.

Under instructions from the Trustees in the Estate of the Late ROBERT A. O. GILL, this valuable Property will be submitted in Subdivision by PUBLIC AUCTION, at CENTRAL HALL, TAMWORTH, on

WEDNESDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1909, at 2 p.m.

ON THE FOLLOWING EASY TERMS:—
20 Per Cent. DEPOSIT—No Further Payment of Principal for TWO YEARS.
Balance in SEVEN EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALMENTS. Interest, 5 Per Cent. Per Annum, payable Half-yearly.

The Tamworth District is the finest Agricultural District in this State. For Wheat and Barley it stands easily first for productiveness. The seasons are reliable, the Rainfall abundant and regular. Read in the Daily Press of the many farmers in this favoured locality who have secured from their crops of Barley, and Wheat this year a return sufficient to pay for the fee simple of their land.

Moonby, then, is the Chance for Landless Men.

PLANS AND ALL PARTICULARS FROM THE
Solicitors to the Estate } G. H. NEWMAN. W. F. TRIBE.
Agents in Conjunction } GARVIN and COUSENS, Tamworth; FLEMING and ROBEY, Quirindi and Gunnedah; NATHAN COHEN and CO., Ltd., Tamworth; JOHNSTON and MARKHAM, Tamworth.

AUCTIONEERS'
SPECIAL NOTICE.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
AUCTIONEERS, EXPERT VALUERS, ARBITRATORS.
MOST COMMODIOUS AND CENTRAL ROOMS,
128-130 PITT-STREET,
NEAR KING-STREET.
VALUATIONS
MADE for PROBATE and OTHER PURPOSES.
SALES AT PRIVATE RESIDENCES,
IN TOWN, SUBURBS, and ANY PART OF STATE.
CASH ADVANCES
MADE AGAINST GOODS RECEIVED FOR UNRESERVED SALE.
TELEPHONE, 2086 CENTRAL.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

MANLY.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
ON TUESDAY NEXT,
22nd DECEMBER, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
AT LILYVILLE COTTAGE,
PITTWATER-ROAD, MANLY
(Tram Terminus).
Under Instructions from R. T. Milham, Esq., in consequence of his departure for Seattle, America.
THE WHOLE OF THE MODERN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
including
SEVERAL WILTON PILE CARPETS AND RUGS,
in Excellent Preservation, Nearly New.
SUPERIOR SIX FEET SIDEBOARD.
THREE WALNUT OVERMANTELS.
TELESCOPE DINING TABLE.
TWO VALUABLE PIANOFORTES,
UPRIGHT MODELS BY SCHELLER, AND THE BELL ORGAN AND PIANO CO.
GRAMOPHONE AND RECORDS.
THE FURNISHINGS OF SEVERAL BEDROOMS.
SINGER SEWING MACHINE.
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES.
TWO GAS STOVES,
LATEST EUREKA AND THE MAINE.
Etc., etc.
Also,
300 HEAD POULTRY,
including White Leghorns, Wyandottes, Langshans, and a number of Guinea Fowls, Pigeons, etc.
PONY PHAETON, WITH HOOD,
BUILT BY MESSRS. ANGUS AND SON.
A 12 X 12 TENT,
with Canvas Fly, Hardwood Floor, and Beds and Bedding. To be sold in one Lot.
ON VIEW MONDAY NEXT, 21st DECEMBER, from 11 a.m., and on TUESDAY MORNING PRIOR TO SALE.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART and GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET (near King-street),
SYDNEY.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
By Order of
HIS HONOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE,
SIR FREDERICK M. DARLEY, KT., G.C.M.G., P.C.
In Consequence of
HIS PROJECTED DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
ABOUT THE END OF JANUARY, 1909,
ON DATES TO BE APPOINTED, DUE NOTICE OF WHICH WILL BE ADVERTISED.
The Whole of the
VALUABLE FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS.
CARRIAGES,
Etc., etc., etc., etc.
CONTAINED IN HIS RESIDENCE,
QUAMBI,
ALBERT-STREET, WOOLLAHRA.
CATALOGUES OF THESE VALUABLE EFFECTS WILL BE PREPARED IN DUE COURSE.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
AUCTIONEERS' TELEPHONE, 2086.

JERDAN'S, "My Opticians," Home and Colonial experience. The reliable house for optical treatment.

AUCTION ON JANUARY 9.

LILIANFELS PARK, KATOOMBA.

THE AUCTION SALE OF THIS MAGNIFICENT
MOUNTAIN PARK
WILL TAKE PLACE AT KATOOMBA,
ON THE GROUND, AT 3 O'CLOCK,
ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 9, 1909.

ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO
THE VERY FAVOURABLE TERMS:—One-fourth cash, and no more to pay for 3 years. Interest quarterly at 5 per cent. per annum, with option to pay off any sums at any time during the 3 years.
TORRENS TITLE. TITLE DEEDS UNENCUMBERED.
BUILDING COVENANT PROTECTS BUYERS.
LITHOS POSTED ON APPLICATION.

PIERCY ETHELL AND CO.,
AUCTIONEERS, 3 MOORE-STREET, SYDNEY.
LOCAL AGENTS: GOYDER BROS., KATOOMBA.

SPECIAL HORSE SALE.
HORSES, 400, HORSES,
AT TAMWORTH,
ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 12th and 13th, 1909.
GARVIN and COUSENS' NEXT HORSE SALE will be held at TAMWORTH on above dates, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp each day.
400 HORSES, comprising Heavy, Medium, and Active Draughts, broken and unbroken; Gunners, Remounts, Bounders, Light Harness and Cart Horses, Hackneys, and all descriptions of Saddle Horses and Ponies.
The above Horses are represented as being an exceptionally good lot, and in splendid condition, making one of the best lots that have been offered in the Northern Districts for some time. The full number will be yarded, and all Buyers should not miss the opportunity of attending this Sale.
GARVIN and COUSENS,
Tamworth.

HAND-STITCHED Marrickville Tweed Suits, to order, 55s. English and Co., 767 George-st, opp. railway.

AUCTION SALES for Cattle, Horses, Vehicles, and Sundries, on 13th Jan., 1909.—I propose holding my opening Sale at the St. George Hotel, Saleyards, Canterbury-road, Belmore, and on the second Wednesday in each month until further notice. Entries invited. C. J. TURNER, General Auctioneer, Valentine-street, Haymarket. Tel., 3532.

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The SYDNEY MAIL has been established for upwards of a quarter of a century, and its circulation is ever increasing. It is unquestionably the BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM throughout the Commonwealth.
ADVERTISEMENTS are charged at the rate of 6s PER INCH, single column, for single insertion.

AUCTION SALE.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,
AT 2.30,
HAMILTON-CHAMBERS, HAMILTON-STREET
(off Hunter-street).
Under instructions from the Administrator in the Estate of G. RYPENS, Deceased.
OFFICE FURNITURE of a Wool Expert, equal to new.
3 Roll-top Pedestal Desks, Springback and Austrian Chairs, Stand-up Desks, and Tables.
Quantity of Dwarf Partitions, with glass panels.
Lot of Pine Shelving, in divided compartments.
Large Sampling Table, Cedar Bookcase.
Typewriter, Ink Wells, and Sundries.
Superior and highly-finished Fireproof Safe, on Stand, 30 x 27 x 24.
Quantity of Sundries.
H. Y. NORTON, Auctioneer, Post Office-chambers. Telephone 741.
INSPECTION BY ORDER AT ANY TIME.

A. COLLINS, Auctioneer, [illegible] Valuations Speciality. [illegible]

FOR SALE, FRIDAY, JANY. 22, 1909.

THE FAMOUS

NUMBA ESTATE,

11,00 ACRES,
SUBDIVIDED INTO

14 Choice Farms, 60 to 125 Acres,

Under instructions from Executors Estate Late Edward Pritchard. To be sold

ON THE GROUND AT NUMBA

on above date at 1.30 p.m.

THIS MAGNIFICENT ESTATE

is situated on the Shoalhaven River, 5 miles from Railway Station at Nowra, and is composed of the Richest Alluvial Soil. It is all under artificial grasses, fully improved, permanently supplied with water, and is one of the richest dairying properties in the State.

Bi-weekly steamer communication with Sydney.

Good roads lead to the Railway Station, and numerous butter factories, bacon-curing establishment, and milk-condensing factory are adjacent.

TORRENS TITLE. LITHOGRAPHS ON APPLICATION.

Terms: One-third deposit (15 p.c. on day of sale, Balance of deposit on execution of transfer), two-thirds (remainder of purchase money) in 10 years at 5 p. c. interest, WITH RIGHT TO PAY OFF.

ALSO FOR SALE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ABOVE PROPERTY.

THE WOLLOMIA ESTATE, OF 2764 ACRES,

SUBDIVIDED INTO 2 PORTIONS.

This Property is situated 9 miles south of Nowra, and extends to within 1½ miles of Jervis Bay.

The greater portion is improved for dairying and grazing operations, the balance having been reserved for timber purposes.

TORRENS TITLE. LITHOS NOW READY. ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR INSPECTION.

SAME TERMS AS NUMBA ESTATE.

HARDIE AND GORMAN, Sydney;
STEWART AND MORTON, Nowra; } **AUCTIONEERS IN CONJUNCTION.**

Messrs. RYAN and WHEELER, Kiama, Solicitors to the Estate.

FIRST SUBDIVISION OF THE WELL-KNOWN

DEEPWATER ESTATE.

ON THE MAIN NORTHERN RAILWAY, ON THE
FAMOUS NEW ENGLAND TABLELAND,

5200 ACRES RICH VIRGIN SOIL,
DIVIDED INTO
23 DAIRY AND MIXED FARMS
(84 TO 655 ACRES).

AUCTION SALE AT DEEPWATER, FEBRUARY 10, 1909, AT 2 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTE.—Deepwater has to be sold, and is for straightout, bona-fide sale. It is one of the BEST KNOWN ESTATES in NEW ENGLAND, and enjoys a big reputation for HIGH-CLASS WOOL, and HOLDS AUSTRALIA'S RECORD FOR THE SALE AT THE HIGHEST PRICE OF THE LARGEST FLOCK OF EWES.

IDEAL SITUATION FOR DAIRY FARMS.

These FARMS will have an ideal situation, in the centre of an important district, being near GLEN INNES, INVERELL, and TENTERFIELD. The Blocks adjoin the thriving township of DEEPWATER, and, being alongside the railway station, are eminently adapted for DAIRYING, MIXED FARMING, and FRUIT-GROWING.

CO-OPERATIVE BUTTER, BACON, and CHILLING FACTORIES at GLEN INNES, 23 miles by rail from Deepwater, and a CO-OPERATIVE BUTTER FACTORY is SHORTLY to be erected at DEEPWATER.

GENEROUS RAINFALL, 30 INCHES. ABUNDANCE CLEAR RUNNING WATER.
SPLENDID RICH SOIL. GRAND CLIMATE.

Terms:—25 per cent. cash, no further payment for 2 years. Balance in eight equal annual instalments. Interest, 5 per cent.

Write at once for LITHOS, BOOKLETS, and Full Particulars,

McGREGOR, TRAVERS, and DALE,
Auctioneers, Glen Innes.

TO THE STOREKEEPERS AND RESIDENTS OF CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT.

M. GOULSTON AND COMPANY,
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS and VALUERS,
243 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY,

have received instructions from Mr. W. BARNES, who is giving up business, and relinquishing housekeeping, and leaving the district, on account of illhealth, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on his Premises,

TOWN HALL STORES (NEXT TOWN HALL),
CANTERBURY (3 minutes from Station),
THIS DAY (SATURDAY), DEC. 19th,
as follows:—

AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

Entire Stock-in-Trade of GENERAL GROCERIES, of every description, 2 Outside Arc Lamps.

GENERAL DRAPERY, CLOTHING, MERCERY, HATS, etc.

AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M. SHARP.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, including P.G. Wardrobes, P.G. Sideboards, Organ, 3 Combination Chests, Linoleum, Bedsteads, Bedding, Kitchen Furniture, and a host of Sundries.

The Furniture is quite new, and in excellent order throughout.

AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, Ironmongery, 6 HARROWS, 2 pairs Scales and Weights, SOCIABLE, 2 SULKIES, DELIVERY CART, HARNESS, 2 MAGNIFICENT and FAST ROAN HORSES, Superior Wax Figure for show purposes.

AT 3 P.M.

8 CHOICE ALLOTMENTS OF GOOD BUILDING LAND, fronting IVY-STREET, CANTERBURY, each having a frontage of 25 feet by a depth of 100 feet.

"TORRENS TITLE."

The attention of Speculators, those desirous of securing choice land in this rising district, and others is directed to this Sale.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.

M. GOULSTON and COMPANY
will Sell THIS DAY (SATURDAY), DEC. 19,
as above.

Auctioneers' Offices, 243 Pitt-street.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Newtown Station, THIS DAY, at 7 o'clock, Wood, etc.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Darling Harbour, THIS DAY, at 8 o'clock, Wood, etc.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Redfern Station, THIS DAY, at 9.15, Maize, Pumpkins, Potatoes, Hay, Straw, Chaff, etc.

DENT and PERRY, Auctioneers, 151 Sussex-street.

THE SYDNEY MAIL.

The Literary Department of the Sydney Mail Contains each week Original Essays and Papers of the most entertaining kind.

The Leaders and Leaderettes deal with current political and social topics.

NOW is the time to be Photographed, as you can get at the EDEN PHOTO STUDIOS 12 Enamelled Cabinets for 5s, 12 Paris Panels for 10s, or one doz. Artist Proofs, size 12 x 10, for 21s; while others are charging from two to three guineas.

Ex J.M.S. YAWATA MARU,
for
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE.

EASTERN ART TREASURES AND CURIOS.

FOR UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE,
at our Commodious Mart,
140 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CITY,
on
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NEXT,
22nd and 23rd inst.,
commencing each day at 11 a.m.,
AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

The Catalogue will include
SILK, LINEN, and TAFFETA BLOUSE PIECES.
DRAWN THREAD and EMBROIDERED TABLE CLOTHS
EMBROIDERED SILK, SILK D'OYLEYS, and TABLE CENTRES.
SATSUMA MEDALLION BRACELETS, HAT PINS.
SATSUMA VEST BUTTONS, BUCKLES and BROOCHES.
VALUABLE CARVED IVORIES.
RARE VASES, ORNAMENTS, VALUABLE BRONZES.
CARVED ROSEWOOD CHAIRS.
CHINA TEA SETS, CUPS and SAUCERS.
SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, FANCY BRUSHWARE.
Hundreds of Lines, too numerous to mention,
FOR UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.
All Useful Articles, and suitable for Presents.

ON VIEW THIS DAY. CALL AND INSPECT.

BARNARD and CO., AUCTIONEERS.
Auctioneers' Telephone, 2773.

MONDAY NEXT, AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY SALE.

JOHN RUSSELL JONES has received instructions from the N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE D. AND I. CO., LTD., to sell by Auction on their premises,

74 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,

all unredeemed pledges, as advertised in this paper, on the 18th inst., consisting of:—

A QUANTITY OF FIRST-CLASS JEWELLERY, English, American, Geneva, Gold and Silver Watches, Cluster, Half-hoop, and Single-stone Diamond Rings, Bangles, Brooches, Alberts, Etc., etc.; also

A MAGNIFICENT SILVER TEA AND COFFEE SERVICE, SILVER SALVER, and SILVER CLARET JUG IN HEAVY OAK CASES.

TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, half-past 10, GROCERY and CONFECTIONERY BUSINESS will be offered in one line as a going concern; and failing satisfactory offer will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Stock of Lollies, Lolly Jars, Summer Drinks, Glass Cases, General Groceries, and Outside Blind 12 x 4.

JOHN M. CANTY will sell, at 380 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, opposite Railway Station.

PENNANT HILLS STATION.
ATTRACTIVE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
THIS DAY, SATURDAY, AT ELEVEN A.M.,
by Order of FRANK CHAPMAN, Esq.,
at INNESFAIL, PENNANT HILLS-ROAD,
Right opposite Goods Sheds Gates.
VERY SUPERIOR AND MODERN HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.
Recently supplied by DAVID JONES, LTD.
Everything in Splendid Order and Condition.
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, SIMON LIPP, and Complete Furnishings of DINING, DRAWING, 3 BEDROOMS, AND OFFICES.
As fully advertised in yesterday's Herald.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, and HAWKINS will sell as above, without Reserve.
** Catalogues obtainable at Sale.

OUR XMAS SALE
OF HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE
will take place at
THE BURWOOD SALE ROOMS,
ON TUESDAY NEXT, AT ELEVEN A.M.,
when a Splendid Assemblage of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS
WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
As per Instructions from Vendors,

TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1908.

☞ Full Particulars in Monday's papers.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS,
AUCTIONEERS, BURWOOD.

N.B.—This will be a grand chance for persons furnishing, country and trade buyers.

** DON'T MISS IT ON TUESDAY NEXT.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

BURWOOD.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE,
on
WEDNESDAY NEXT, 23rd DECEMBER,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.
Under instructions from
Mrs. READ,
at her Residence,
EDITHVILLA, PARK-ROAD, BURWOOD.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
including
MAGNIFICENT PIANOFORTE,
in Walnut Case, by the celebrated Maker WEIDIG.

MESSRS H. AND A. LAWSON
(HARRY LAWSON, AUCTIONEER),
12 POST-OFFICE-CHAMBERS,
OPP. G.P.O., PITT-STREET. TEL., 1367.

HARDIE AND GORMAN,
AUCTIONEERS,
HOUSE, LAND, and ESTATE AGENTS,
133 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY,
with Established Branches
at
MILSON'S POINT ARCADE, MILSON'S POINT,
and
TEA GARDENS CORNER, BONDI JUNCTION,
make a
SPECIALTY
in the
SALE OF COUNTRY PROPERTIES, including REPORTS FOR SUBDIVISION and OTHER PURPOSES, and arranging for AUCTION SALES LOCALLY, and in the LETTING OF PROPERTIES.
COLLECTION OF RENTS,
INSURANCES, and REPAIRS.
ONLY ONE CHARGE
MADE FOR LETTING and COLLECTING.

ACCOUNTS RENDERED MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY, as arranged.

HARDIE and GORMAN,
133 Pitt-street, SYDNEY.

BY DIRECTION OF THE STATE PREMIER.

CENTENNIAL PARK LANDS,
Lost 31 and 32, Section 24,
Lot 7, Section 15,
will be offered on
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23, 1908,
at 11.30 a.m.,
at the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, Sydney.

HARDIE AND GORMAN.
(5a-77)

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

OAKLANDS, LIVERPOOL-ROAD,
SUMMER HILL.

Occupying an elevated position, adjoining the residences of Dr. Hinder, Mr. Justice Pring, G. A. Laurence, Esq., and many others.

It is of superior construction, and contains large accommodation.

Beautiful Grounds, comprising Flower Gardens, Tennis Lawn, Orchard, Fernery, etc.

Full particulars will be advertised.

HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with Stanton and Son) will sell the above by Public Auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, on WEDNESDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1909.

NEUTRAL BAY.

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE,
on
TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd DEC.,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
By Order of the EXECUTOR in the Estate of the
LATE MRS. C. M. CARVOSSO,
at the Residence,
WILGETHA,
RANGER'S-ROAD, NEUTRAL BAY.

VALUABLE ARTISTIC FURNITURE
and
COSTLY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
including—
GLASS and CHINA TABLE APPOINTMENTS.
ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS.
VALUABLE PROOF ENGRAVINGS, WATER-COLOURS.
CARVED HALL BENCH, BLACKWOOD PEDESTALS.

SOLID WALNUT DINING-R. FURNITURE,
Comprising—
6ft SIDEBOARD, 10ft EXTENSION TABLE.
DINING SUITE, Upholstered in MOROCCO.
BURR WALNUT ENCLOSED BOOKCASE.
Small Library Select Literature.

ARTISTIC DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS,
including—
BROCADED SILK WINDOW HANGINGS.
CHIPPENDALE CONSOLE GLASS, in Gilt Frame.
Numerous Fine China Ornaments and Bric-a-Brac.
OCCASIONAL and GOSSIP CHAIRS, EUGENIE COUCH.

VALUABLE BRINSMEAD PIANOFORTE,

UPRIGHT GRAND, in BURR WALNUT CASE. A Superb Instrument, Highly Recommended.

MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITE,
in Burr Walnut, comprising Commodious 6ft Wardrobe, Full-pedestal Table, and Washstand.
LARGE CHEST OF DRAWERS, EN SUITE.
ALL-BRASS BEDSTEAD, SUPERIOR BEDDING.

SEVERAL MINOR BEDROOM SUITES,
Wardrobes, Dressing Chests, Washstands, T. Ware.

EUREKA GAS STOVE, ROLLER MANGLE.
Large Pine Dresser, Cupboards, Table, Utensils.

VALUABLE PALMS and POT PLANTS.
Collie Dog and Pup, Persian Cat, Bronzewing Pigeons, Etc., etc., etc.

☞ ON VIEW MONDAY AFTERNOON.

☞ CATALOGUES may be obtained at the offices of the Auctioneers.

MESSRS. H. AND A. LAWSON
(HARRY LAWSON, AUCTIONEER).
12 POST OFFICE-CHAMBERS,
OPP. G.P.O., PITT-STREET. TEL., 1367.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.

AT 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Shepherd-street. Furniture, Bedsteads, Linoleum, Glassware, Pictures, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, no Reserve, the above.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD.,

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUATORS.
SALES EFFECTED BY AUCTION OR PRIVATELY.

PROPERTIES LET,
embracing all Classes of
RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS.
Strict, competent supervision of all Renovations and Repairs.
RENTS AND INTERESTS, ETC., COLLECTED.
ESTATES MANAGED.

Particulars of Residences, Furnished or Unfurnished, and rentals required, are invited for our Register "To Let."

VALUATIONS MADE FOR MORTGAGE, PROBATE, SELLING, MUNICIPAL TAXATION, ETC.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR VALUING AND CONDUCTING SALES LOCALLY OF COUNTRY ESTATES.

MANLY. MANLY.

ON THE FLAT, AND CLOSE TO NORTH STEYNE SURF BATHING RESERVE.
ROLFE ESTATE,
(FIRST SUBDIVISION.)

SUBDIVISION SALE OF 40 BUILDING SITES, fronting ROLFE-STREET and PITTWATER (OLD) ROAD, close to the MANLY TRAM TERMINUS, and OPPOSITE THE GOLF LINKS.

TORRENS TITLE, AND LIBERAL TERMS.

LITHOGRAPHS obtainable from the Auctioneers. Manly Tram Passes the Property.

AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, 3.30 O'CLOCK,

SATURDAY 9th JANUARY.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., 98 PITT-STREET, AUCTIONEERS.

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ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
on
TUESDAY, DEC. 22ND, 1908, AT 11 A.M.
Under instructions from C. CHANDLER, Esq. (Dentist),
who has purchased a practice in the country.

HIGH-CLASS MODERN FURNITURE AT HIS RESIDENCE,
24 GLEBE-ROAD, GLEBE.
Complete Furnishings of 16 Rooms.

The whole of the effects are in the best of order, and consequently this sale is of special interest to Dealers and Private Buyers generally.

The following are a few of the items worth special mention:—

Fine Organ in perfect order by Bell, Upright Piano in walnut case, Bagatelle Table 10 x 4 in good order with 9 Ivory Balls, one Lancaster Photographic Enlarging Camera with 7-inch Condenser, half-plate Darlot, Drawing and Dining Room Furniture, Handsome 5-bevelled Mirrored Overmantels, High-back Oak Chairs, Aust. and Occas. Chairs, Handsome Velvet Pile Carpets, Oil Paintings and Water Colours (by best artists), Toilet Pairs, Duchesse Chests, Wardrobes, Sideboard 6ft Plate Glass Back Bevelled Mirrors, Walnut finish, Handsome solid Walnut Hall Stand.

UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO.

One very handsome 3-piece Beaconsfield Walnut finish Bedroom Suite, hand-carved, with 5ft double-bevelled mirrors, shield design. The Wardrobe contains 8 Mirrors, finished in the highest order (cost £75); Dressing Table contains 3ft Bevelled Glass Mirror in centre on swinging hinges, 5 drawers on each side of recess, Double M.T. Washstand, 4 drawers, 2 pedestal cupboards, panel bevelled glass, very handsome double Mother of Pearl, and heavy brass-mounted Bedstead, Italian Top, handsome double 3-piece Suite, 5ft bevelled glass panels, complete set Bulletins, one of each issue for the past 16 years, Silk Tapestry Lounges, Walnut Card Tables, Cutlery, Electro Plate, China, Crockery, Glassware, Double and Single Beds, Linoleums, Table and Bed Linen, the whole of the Kitchen Utensils.

ONE HANNAM BATH-HEATER AND SHOWER,
cost £12, in perfect order.

The house contains in all 6 3-piece Suites in perfect order, clean, and as good as new.

NOTE.—Special attention is drawn by the Auctioneers to this sale, as the whole of the furniture is to be sold without reserve, and is in beautiful condition. House open for inspection on Monday from 2.30 to 7 o'clock.

NOTE.—FREE LUNCHEON PROVIDED.

TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO.,
AUCTIONEERS,
25 P.O.-CHAMBERS,
114A PITT-STREET.

AUCTION SALE
on
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st,
at 2.30,
BUILDINGS FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL,
known as
No. 97 and 99 PRINCES-STREET.

JAMES COWAN, acting under instructions from THE ROCK RESUMPTION BOARD, will sell as above,
TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.
(28-7)

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.
ON TUESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 22nd,
AT 11 O'CLOCK.
At THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST DEPOT,
NAPOLEON-STREET, off MARGARET-STREET.

JAMES COWAN
has received instructions from the
HARBOUR TRUST COMMISSIONERS
to Sell in Lots,
10 TONS SCRAP LEAD.
10 TONS SCRAP CAST and WROUGHT IRON.
300 SHEETS GALV. IRON, 6, 7, 8, 9 Feet,
100 PAIRS SASHES, 2, 4, 6 LIGHTS,
20 BOX FRAMES and SASHES, SUIT FACTORY PREMISES,
80 DOORS, COMPRISING INSIDE and OUTSIDE DOORS, MANTLES, GRATES, and STOVES, WATER PIPING,
1500 SLATES and TILES,
OREGON and HARDWOOD TIMBERS, ALL SIZES,
QUANTITY of PICKET FENCING and SUNDRIES.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.

EXTENSIVE MINING PLANT.

J. NANCARROW and SON have received instructions from Dr. J. L. FitzPatrick and others to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th,
at 3 o'clock sharp,
on the Mine,
PRIDE OF THE HILL (ROSEDALE),
6 miles from Orange.

THE WHOLE OF THE UP-TO-DATE AND EXTENSIVE PLANT,
as follows:—

1 12-h.p. Portable Engine, 6-head Battery, complete, with 1 Pair of Electro Plates and 1 Pair Ordinary Copper ditto.
Battery Feed Pump, with 300 feet of 2-inch Piping, Belting, Saws, and Bench.
1 6-h.p. Winding Engine and Boiler, 350 feet of Wire Rope, ⅝-inch, and new.
1 Danks Double-action 4-inch Pump, with 600 feet of rods, also 200 feet of 2½-inch Piping, 10 feet Suction Hose.
1 8-h.p. Vertical Boiler, complete; 1 large Tangye Pump and 1820 feet of 3 and 4 inch Wrought-iron Piping; very suitable for irrigation purposes.
Blacksmith's Bellows, Vice, Anvil, etc.
1 Small Boiler Feed Pump, about 800 gallons per hour; Whip, Harness, Costly Gold Scales, 200 feet of Rails and Trucks, Picks, Shovels, Hammers, Steel, and other Tools.
Outsheds, built of slabs, with iron roofs; and many Useful Sundries.

The Three Engines will be shown under steam, and any mining company wanting an up-to-date plant should inspect.

We recommend with every confidence, knowing that the plant is in thorough working order.

REMEMBER DATE OF SALE,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th,
at
PRIDE OF THE HILLS MINE,
6 MILES FROM ORANGE.

J. NANCARROW and SON,
Auctioneers,
Orange.

TAMWORTH ASSOCIATED MINES, NUNDLE.
IMPORTANT SALE OF MINING PLANT, MACHINERY, TOOLS, Etc., at the Mine (near Nundle), on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, at one o'clock sharp.

GARVIN and COUSENS (in conjunction with McCLELLAND and WISEMAN) have been instructed by the Proprietors of the Tamworth Associated Mines to sell by auction, on the above date, the whole of the Mining Plant, Machinery, etc., of the above-mentioned Mines, comprising 1 Frazer and Chalmer's 10-head Battery, 4 Copper Plates, 2 Challenge Self Feeders, Stone Breakers, Battery Tubs, 2 Spare Stampers, Stocks and Dies, Vyce, etc. Large quantity of Tools, consisting of full set of Blacksmith's Tools, Pick Heads, Hammers, Anvils, Bellows, 2 Mortars and Pestles, Spanners, Clippers, Scales and Weights, Wheelbarrows, Windlasses, Iron Trucks, Buckets, Shovels, and sundries too numerous to mention. Also Battery House, Manager's Cottage, 4 rooms, both built of galvanised iron; 2 Blacksmith's Shops. Furniture, Tables, Chairs, Washstand and Set, Bedstead and Mattress, Stove, Boiler, Tubs, Safe, Plates, Dishes, Knives and Forks, etc., etc. Full particulars from the Agents, Garvin, Cousens, Tamw.; McClelland, Wiseman, Nundle.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, at 3.—Great Clearance Sale by Auction, of Cutlery, Crockery, Watches, Table Cloths, Quilts, and General Furniture. Terms Cash. No Reserve. E. KING, Auctioneer, Burwood. Tel., 583.

CURL CURL CREEK, MANLY,
Close to the Manly Golf Links, easy walking distance of the Manly Pier.

9 ACRES 1 ROOD 34 PERCHES,

Comprising Lot 3, Bassett-Darley Estate, having 5 chains frontage to the north side of OSBORNE-ROAD, a short distance east of Pittwater (old) road, with a depth of 19 chains 14 links, partly along STUART-STREET, on one side, and 16 chains 17 links on the other, extending down to Curl Curl Creek, together with the Wooden Cottage thereon.

Portion of the area is laid out as Market Garden, in a high state of cultivation.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock,

The above Block of Land at NORTH MANLY.
Plan on view at the Rooms. (4186)

RILEY-STREET, OXFORD-STREET,
quite close to and in sight of Oxford-street.

LAND, 66ft frontage east side of RILEY-STREET, depth 78ft. On it is CHURCH BUILDING of Brick and Dwelling-house. Suit well for a Store, Factory, or Display Shop.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1909, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LIMITED. (4187)

1.—ROSE BAY, handy to the tram and beach. BUILDING SITE, Lots 54 and 55, Section A, Rose Bay Estate, having 90ft frontage to WILBERFORCE-AVENUE, a short distance off South Head-road; depth 130ft; Torrens Title.

2.—LEICHHARDT, a Building Site, comprising Lots 3 and 4, Section 1, Flood's Estate, having 40ft frontage to the PARRAMATTA-ROAD, a few yards east of FLOOD-STREET, with a depth of 130ft back to a lane. Torrens Title.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4188)

A VALUABLE CORNER,
SUITABLE AS A SITE for WAREHOUSES or STORES.
KENT and BATHURST STREETS,
CITY,
HANDY to the IMPORTANT WHARFS in DARLING HARBOUR,
having Frontages of
104 feet 8 inches to BATHURST-STREET,
75ft 11½ inches to KENT-STREET,
together with the Old Buildings thereon, consisting of No. 507 Kent-street and Nos. 74 to 78 Bathurst-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above CITY CORNER, in an active COMMERCIAL CENTRE. Plans on view at the Rooms.

HUNTER'S HILL.
High Position, Surrounded by High-class Properties.

A CORNER BUILDING SITE, quarter-acre, having frontage of 104ft 11in to GLADESVILLE-ROAD and 104ft 11in to MATTHEW-STREET, opposite De Milhau-road. Torrens Title. Plans on view at the Rooms.

AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11.30 o'clock.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4194)

WAVERLEY, Close to COOGEE and LITTLE COOGEE.
A Weatherboard COTTAGE, fronting DOUGLAS-STREET, just off the tram, and within easy walking distance of the SURF-BATHING RESERVE.

Land, 50ft x 119ft 6in. Torrens Title.

AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4195)

PETERSHAM—LEICHHARDT.
A COMMODIOUS HALL, with SHOP FRONTS, No. 584 PARRAMATTA-ROAD, in the ACTIVE BUSINESS CENTRE, close to PALACE-STREET, known as BRIGHTON HALL, suitable for Factory or Manufacturing Purposes, or as an Amusement Hall; Land about 48ft x 110ft, extending back to a road (20ft wide). Inspection invited.

AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4196)

GOOD INVESTMENT.

OXFORD-STREET, PADDINGTON.

EXTENSIVE CORNER PREMISES, Oxford and Elizabeth streets, in the occupation of Mr. Cook, Draper. RENTAL, £416 per annum.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above, full particulars of which will be published shortly.

By Order of the EXECUTORS of the Estate of the late E. T. WILDMAN.

CITY PROPERTY.

SHOP and DWELLING, No. 263 SUSSEX-STREET, between Druitt and Bathurst streets. Land, 16½ft by 78½ft back to lane.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (in conjunction with R. W. STONE, of Forest Lodge), will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Freehold, in a busy thoroughfare. (4198)

UNLOCKED.

Special arrangements had to be made with authority of Court to allow a Sale thus early of only a portion of

FIVE ISLANDS ESTATE,
at
PORT KEMBLA, NEAR WOLLONGONG.

SUBDIVISION into
BUSINESS and DWELLING ALLOTMENTS,
which will be submitted early, date not yet fixed,
ADJOINING
the present extensive works and others contemplated
at
PORT KEMBLA,
ON THE FAMOUS SOUTH COAST,

a position destined to become one of the most active and important industrial areas in the COMMONWEALTH, and consequently employing a vast army of all grades of workers, hence

THIS SUBDIVISION
has been
LONG HOPED FOR,

and should be availed of as affording the chance of founding BUSINESS and HOME Premises, for besides being the nearest land it is the only eligible situation for the purposes stated.

WATCH FOR THE SALE.

AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND,
Date to be announced,
in conjunction with
STEWART and MORTON,
Auctioneers, of Nowra, South Coast.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., SYDNEY.

E. S. DUNHILL, Esq., Bligh-street, is the Solicitor.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 10 A.M.,
AT THE CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 PITT-ST.

Under instructions from
THE MASTER IN LUNACY.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
A. C. DINING-ROOM SUITE, 9 PIECES.
WALNUT-FINISHED BEDROOM SUITE.
Double and Single Bedsteads and Beddings.
Cedar Chests Drawers, Carpet, Linoleum.
Beale Sewing Machine, Aus. Chairs, Clock.
Glass-enclosed Dresser, Pine Safe.
Crockery, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils.
Tapestry and Plush Suite, Whatnot.
Canopy-top Sideboard, Carpet, Linoleum.
Walnut-finished Wardrobe, Comb. Chest.
Duchess Washstand, Swing Cots.
Two Walnut Overmantels.
Lot of Assorted Tools, etc.
At 12.30 p.m.,
MIGNON PIANOFORTE, nearly new.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS MORNING.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 10 A.M.,
AT THE CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 PITT-ST.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Gilt Pier Glass, Dining Tables, A. C. Wire Couches, Aust. Shop Chairs, Screens.
(FIRST-CLASS BRASS-MOUNTED ITALIAN and HALF-TESTER Double and Single BEDSTEADS, Wires, and Kapok Bedding.)
PAIR WALNUT-FINISHED TOILETS, Wing Mirrors.
Chests 4 and 7 Drawers, Washstands and Ware.
Toilet Tables and Glasses, Linen Press.
Enclosed Dresser, Mangle, Safes.
Clocks, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils, Bed and Table Linen, and Sundries.
Bicycle, Go-cart, Corking Machine.
LARGE ICE CHESTS.
At 12.30 p.m.,
PIANOFORTE, on the Lipp System, Compagnie Concordia.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS DAY.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.
TO DEALERS AND OTHERS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, on the Premises, No. 1 NATIONAL-STREET, LEICHHARDT
(near Parramatta-road).
Sideboard, Tables, Chairs, Crockery, Glassware,
Solid Cedar Chest Drawers, Bedsteads,
M. Top Washstand, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils.

D. and W. BAINES, under imperative instructions, will sell the above.

AUCTION SALE THIS DAY, at 3 p.m.—J. JOHNSON'S Saleroom, 14 Lackey-street, Summer Hill. Household Furniture and Effects, Glass and Crockery Ware, Overmantels, Tinware, Pictures, Suites, Bedsteads, Combination Chest, Sundries.

NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

FIVE DOCK.

On the ABBOTSFORD-ROAD, JUST BEYOND LYONS-ROAD, within a few minutes' walk of the ABBOTSFORD WHARF and BATHS.

WYMSTON PARK ESTATE,

WITH ALLOTMENTS FACING IRENE-STREET, REGINALD-STREET, CECIL-STREET, AND WYMSTON-PARADE.

THE LAND IS EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR BUILDING, AND THE ALLOTMENTS FACING WYMSTON-PARADE ARE PRACTICALLY WATER-FRONTAGE BLOCKS, FRONTING A SANDY BEACH. THE ELECTRIC TRAM stops at the Property, and BEAUTIFUL WATER VIEWS can be obtained from almost every Allotment.

TORRENS TITLE.

☞ £1 a Lot Deposit and £1 per month per Allotment, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum on Quarterly balance.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE GROUND,

ALSO ON LOT 38, A NEW BRICK COTTAGE, tiled roof, verandah front and back, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, AT 3 P.M.

RAINE AND HORNE,
AUCTIONEERS.

PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT.

LONGUEVILLE TOWNSHIP ESTATE,

LANE COVE RIVER.

MARINE VILLA SITES, comprising Large BUILDING ALLOTMENTS and WATER FRONTAGES, CLOSE TO THE FERRY, AND WITH SPLENDID RIVER PEEPS.

TORRENS TITLE. TERMS Extending over Five Years.

This Suburb, with its improved Ferry Service, and its proximity to the extension of the electric tram to Longueville-road, is rapidly improving in public favour.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE GROUND,

SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1909, AT 3 P.M.

RAINE AND HORNE,
AUCTIONEERS,

LITHOS. on application to the Auctioneers, or Messrs. R. H. HARNETT and CO., 19 Hunter-street.

TO WOY WOY LAND BUYERS.

SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1909,
AUCTION ON THE LAND OF THE NEW
DALEY'S POINT SUBDIVISION,
Lots will be about ½ an Acre each, and terms over five years will be given.
LITHOS WILL BE READY SHORTLY.

RAINE AND HORNE,
86 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

TO FRUITGROWERS AND MARKET GARDENERS.

We are just putting on the market a subdivision of the celebrated Gosford Bush country, 4 miles from that town, where the soil is down to 20 and 30 feet deep. . . . and where the rainfall is over 60 inches average yearly. Blocks are from 10 to 50 acres, they nearly all have creeks through, and are well drained. Prices are from £10 per acre.

MATCHAM ESTATE, ERINA.

Terms are very helpful ones—only 1/10th deposit, and balance in 20 Half-yearly Payments, with Interest at 5 per cent. per annum. . . . Title is Torrens, and Mr. F. E. King, of Bligh-street, is Solicitor to Vendor. . . . Post us the attached Coupon and we will send you a Plan and Booklet.

RAINE AND HORNE,
86 PITT-ST, SYDNEY.

or, F. J. L. MEASURES,
NIAGARA PARK, NARARA.

To RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-st.

Please post me a Plan and Booklet of the Matcham Estate.

(Name. ....

(Address) ....

RAINE AND HORNE,
86 PITT-STREET,
AUCTIONEERS,
LAND AND ESTATE AGENTS,
ATTORNEYS UNDER POWER,
AND VALUATORS.

SALES OF CITY AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES EFFECTED
BY PUBLIC AUCTION AND BY PRIVATE TREATY.

VALUATIONS
FOR PROBATE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF ESTATES UNDERTAKEN.

RENTS COLLECTED.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

BY ORDER OF
THE PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD.,
EXECUTORS UNDER THE WILL OF
CHARLES SMITH.

DARLINGHURST.

THAT MAGNIFICENT PROPERTY
known as
GODERICH,
THE RESIDENCE OF THE LATE
CAPTAIN SMITH,
AND WHICH IS WITHOUT EXCEPTION
the
FINEST RESIDENTIAL BLOCK
in the
VICINITY OF THE CITY.

THE SUBDIVISION OF THE ESTATE is now being prepared by the Surveyors, Messrs. DOBBIE and KENNY, and all the allotments will have frontages either to

BAYSWATER-ROAD or WOOLCOTT-STREET.

A BLOCK WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE HOUSE, which will EMBRACE THE CARRIAGE ENTRANCE, THE LAWN IN FRONT, and the GARDEN on the WESTERN SIDE.

FULL PARTICULARS of the property will shortly be announced, and lithographs will be available at an early date.

RAINE AND HORNE have received instructions to subdivide and sell this

MAGNIFICENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
by PUBLIC AUCTION
AT AN EARLY DATE.

Solicitors to the Estate, Messrs. MACNAMARA and SMITH, 15 Castlereagh-street.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS OF THE LATE MISS MACAULAY.

DARLING POINT,

That well-known Property,
ST. MARK'S CRESCENT,
ON THE DARLING POINT-ROAD,
adjoining St. Mark's Church, with a right-of-way at the rear leading to ST. MARK'S-ROAD.

A PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED MASSIVE STONE HOUSES,

gable ends, verandahs and balconies in front, and each containing 9 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, linen press, etc.

At the rear, and detached from the main building, is a LARGE STONE BUILDING, formerly used as a SCHOOL-ROOM, with CLASSROOM of similar construction off it; also large OPEN DETACHED SHED, shingle roof.

THE LAND has a frontage of about 132 feet to DARLING POINT-ROAD by a depth on one side of about 139 feet, and on the other side of about feet, and comprises an area of nearly half an acre.

TORRENS TITLE.

Adjoining the above, on the northern side, fenced in with the property, is a Leasehold Block of Land, having a frontage of about 10 feet 6 inches to DARLING POINT-ROAD by a depth ranging from about 149 feet to 158 feet, the Lease having about years to run FREE OF GROUND RENT.

The above Property is situated in
ONE OF THE BEST POSITIONS ON THE DARLING POINT-ROAD,
and the attention of BUILDERS, INVESTORS, and SPECULATORS is invited to the sale.

RAINE and HORNE will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

Solicitor to the Estate: T. MAUGHAN Esq.

BALMORAL BEACH,
MOSMAN.

TO BE SOLD AS A GOING CONCERN,
THOMPSON'S WELL-KNOWN REFRESHMENT ROOMS, DANCING HALL, and RECREATION GROUNDS,

situated at the corner of TREWYN-ROAD and LAWRY PARADE, and immediately opposite the FERRY WHARF and SWIMMING BATHS.

In addition to the Hall (80 x 40), there is a Weatherboard Building, containing 5 rooms and kitchen; also a Weatherboard Shop, with Dwelling, containing rooms and kitchen.

A FINE CHANCE FOR AN ENERGETIC MAN TO ACQUIRE A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS IN THE HEIGHT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

The Title to the Land is TORRENS.

RAINE and HORNE will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

NESTLE'S Milk Chocolate is a wholesome, palatable, nutritious sweetmeat, and also a sustaining food.

ENGLISH and Co., 787 George-st. Expert Tailors. Coats made by men; Suits to order, from £3.

RYDE HEIGHTS—

That Magnificent Site, in area about 20 acres, having large FRONTAGE to the BLAXLAND-ROAD, extending to its JUNCTION with the GREAT NORTH-ROAD, is now in course of subdivision into sites suitable for GENTLEMEN'S RESIDENCES.

SALE ON THE GROUND, DEFERRED UNTIL SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LIMITED.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LTD.,
PROPERTY AUCTIONEERS, ESTATE AGENTS, AND VALUATORS.

AUCTION SALES HELD IN THE ROOMS,
AND ON THE GROUND.

LETTING OF HOUSES, COLLECTING OF RENTS, and ENTIRE MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTIES undertaken for TRUSTEES, ABSENTEES, and OWNERS.

OFFICES and SALEROOMS, 88 Pitt-street.
Tel. No. 115 Central.

NORTH SYDNEY,
Almost at the
ST. LEONARDS RAILWAY STATION,
and One Minute of the Gore Hill Tram.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

DETACHED COTTAGE, built of brick and W.B., containing 4 rooms, kitchen, and offices.
FRONTING BERRY'S-ROAD,
off the Gordon-road.

The Land has a frontage of about 40ft to Berry's-road by a depth of 117½ft extending to a 20ft lane. Lot 8, Section 3, St. Leonards Park Estate.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, LIMITED, have been instructed to submit the above to PUBLIC AUCTION, in their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on
TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER,
at 11.30 a.m.
TITLE TORRENS. Terms at Sale.

BURWOOD, CLOSE TO THE STATION,
and in the midst of the Business Centre.

TWO EXCELLENT BRICK SHOPS and RESIDENCES, let to old Tenants at £104 per annum, but now well worth 30s each per week—£156 per ann.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, 88 PITT-STREET, on TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER,
at 11.30 a.m.
TITLE TORRENS. TERMS VERY EASY.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LIMITED.

ABSOLUTE CLEARANCE SALE
of the Unsold Portions of TWO ESTATES.

RIVERSTONE, BERKSHIRE PARK.—Lots 40, 77, 78, 80, 114, 180, 188, and Lots 206 to 211. Capital 4-acre Blocks, near South Creek.

RICHMOND, RICHMOND PARK ESTATE.—Allotments, as per plan of Subdivision with the Auctioneers. Area, about 74 acres.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, LIMITED, have received POSITIVE INSTRUCTIONS to sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.
LIBERAL TERMS.

BOYD'S ORCHARD ESTATE, TURRAMURRA,
Almost at the Railway Station.

35 CHOICE SITES.

Auction Sale on the Ground at an early date.
Torrens Title.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, LIMITED.

SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS,
WESTERN SUBURBS.

ASHFIELD.—Grand Corner Allotment, feet to HENRY-STREET, depth 155ft along STREET.

SUMMER HILL.—Splendid Cottage Site, 50ft to CANTERBURY-ROAD, and 156ft along HADDON-STREET.

BOTH ALLOTMENTS UNDER TORRENS TITLE.
AUCTION SALE AT THE ROOMS,
88 Pitt-street,
TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LIMITED.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE,
AT BURWOOD.

DETACHED COTTAGE, built of W.B., fronting LUCAS-ROAD, containing 5 rooms and conveniences, Capital Stabling.

LAND, 40ft to LUCAS-ROAD, depth 215ft, extending to BENNETT-STREET.
TORRENS TITLE.

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The Easiest of Terms.

A PICKED SUBDIVISION BLOCK
AT ARTARMON,

Adjoining The Orphanage, and having large frontage to GORDON-ROAD.

AREA, about 24 ACRES.
Known as
LODER'S GRANT.

Within easy walk of the Artarmon Railway Station. The Gore Hill Extension Tram passes the property. A first-class Subdivision Block for Villa Sites. TORRENS TITLE.

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LIBERAL TERMS.

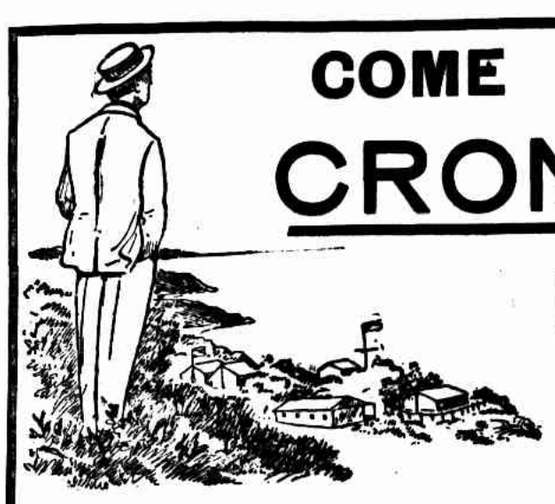
HAWKESBURY ESTATE.

Choice Water-Frontage Allotments, opposite the end of Long Island, and within 1 mile of the Hawkesbury River station by road. Direct Motor Boat Service from the station to the land. Adjacent to some of the most popular fishing grounds in the State, adjoining the Convent, and close to Public School and Churches.

For Sale by Auction, on the Ground, TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1909 (Anniversary Day), by RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers.

W. L. STILLMAN, Agent to the Estate, 76 Pitt-street.

AUCTION SALES.



COME OUT TO CRONULLA, BOXING DAY.

SPECIAL 2/ TICKETS. SPECIAL 2/ TICKETS. SPECIAL 2/ TICKETS. SPECIAL 2/ TICKETS. SPECIAL 2/ TICKETS. SPECIAL 2/ TICKETS.

We want just as many Cronullaites on Boxing Day as we can get hold of. By Cronullaites we mean all who know and appreciate their Cronulla. To know Cronulla is to want a piece of the earth there—to want to settle there. To have visited Cronulla is to want to stay there for all time. Hence our wish for a good muster of Cronullaites on Boxing Day. We are in the position to satisfy the yearning after Cronulla Land. We have 107 quarter-acres to sell there, and Next Saturday, Boxing Day, we intend holding a great

Auction on the Ground.

The 107 quarter-acres, which are Torrens Title, comprise the Tramway Estate. The property has been so named because it actually fronts the route of the tram line, soon to be commenced, connecting Cronulla with Sutherland station. "Soon to be commenced" is no idle boast or mere advertising talk. It is fact, for, in the N.S.W. Legislative Council on Wednesday, December 9th, the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway Bill was read a third time. Surely that's convincing enough. The lots are as level as a billiard-table, and just far enough from the beach to be out of the sand nuisance, and yet, when the tram comes, a five minutes' ride will land Tramway Buyers at the surf.

Tramway Estate, Cronulla.

The terms for the allotments on the Tramway Estate, Cronulla, have been arranged at from £1 down, 10s month. Any Cronullaite can surely manage that, and well afford to take up a Cronulla section under such a paying arrangement. In addition to the easy terms, we can honestly announce that no high or inflated reserves have been placed on the land lots. Although we know as well, perhaps, as most folk that Cronulla land is almost unobtainable, except at prohibitive prices, we guarantee that on Boxing Day we will sell every lot offered, providing some sort of a fair and reasonable offer be made. Once more let us announce the terms:—

From £1 Down, 10s Month.

A Brass Band has been engaged for Boxing Day, and the Auctioneers have made arrangements for 10 'buses to meet trains and convey visitors to the Tramway Estate. Special Return Tickets, including train and 'bus, 2/ each.

Plans of Tramway Estate, Cronulla, and Special 2/ Tickets, together with illustrated booklets, may be obtained from the auctioneers.

ARTHUR RICKARD AND CO., LTD., 84B PITT-STREET, AUCTIONEERS AND REALTY SPECIALISTS.

TRAINS AT 7.8, 7.30, 8.27, 9.30 A.M., AND 1.55 P.M.,

Leave Sydney for Stanwell Park, the loveliest spot on the South Coast, on Boxing Day, Next Saturday, and for visitors intending to take the trip and be present at our 106 big Auction Sales at

BALD HILL, STANWELL PARK.

Glorious Position, Superb Views of sea and sky, more magnificent than the "Look-out" at Bulli Pass. Only 32 miles from Sydney, railway station on the Estate, good, quick, cheap train service, season tickets 6d return daily.

GREAT AUCTIONS, BOXING DAY,

ON THE GROUND, 11.30 A.M. AND 2 P.M.

Stanwell Park, the place that is going ahead, the gold mine to the land buyer. Wonderful progress, enormous improvements by the Government and Public. Ventilation of the Otford Tunnel, new railway station to cost £4500, stationmaster's residence, Bridge over Hargraves Creek, Residential Hotel, big Boarding-house, new Bungalows, Residences, Water Supply, Electric Power and Light Scheme, etc, etc.

DON'T BRING YOUR LUNCH,

for the new Refreshment Rooms will be open all day. Now don't miss these picnic auctions, this chance of a lifetime. Generous lots, public 5s the prices and we the easy terms. £2 deposit and £1 monthly for each £60 of purchase money. Interest 5 per cent. on quarterly balances only. Torrens Title.

Plans, Illustrated Booklets, and all information free from

HENRY F. HALLORAN AND CO.,

82 PITT-STREET SYDNEY.

BROOKVALE, THE SEAT OF THE WARINGAH SHIRE COUNCIL.

12 O'CLOCK. 12 O'CLOCK. 12 O'CLOCK. 12 O'CLOCK.

At 12 o'clock on New Year's Day we are going to offer some choice sites at BROOKVALE, the Tram Terminus of the Estate, just off the main road, close to the new Tram Terminus is the property. This pretty little Brookvale, just outside Manly, is going ahead. With the advent of the tram line it is going to increase in value there very considerably. Even now the place is really progressive, most popular, and the seat of the Warringah Shire Council. One of the best of surf beaches is close by. Title is Torrens, and Terms for the Lots from £1 down, 10s month.

12 O'CLOCK. 12 O'CLOCK. 12 O'CLOCK. 12 O'CLOCK.

WATER FRONTAGES AT PITTWATER.

2.30 O'CLOCK. 2.30 O'CLOCK. 2.30 O'CLOCK. 2.30 O'CLOCK.

After the sale we will wend our way out to Pittwater, and find means between now and then to take you and the rest of our visitors with us. We have water frontages to the Lake to offer at Pittwater at 2.30. The Estate is named Church Point, and is situated at Bay View, close to the Methodist Church, opposite the main Government jetty. Fishing, boating, and sailing may be indulged in here, and the Lots to be offered are most capital ones for week-end and Furnished Cottages, etc. Title Torrens. Terms, £2 down, £1 month.

2.30 O'CLOCK. 2.30 O'CLOCK. 2.30 O'CLOCK. 2.30 O'CLOCK.

PLANS FOR THE ASKING.

ARTHUR RICKARD AND CO., LTD.,

84B PITT-STREET,

AUCTIONEERS AND REALTY SPECIALISTS.

RAWSON ESTATE,

ROSE BAY HEIGHTS.

AUCTION SALE TO-DAY. BARGAINS. BARGAINS.

Catch King-street tram, 1.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. to Dover-road.

ARTHUR BLACKWOOD, AUCTIONEER, HAYMARKET.

'Phone, 3407. R'dens, 446.

COONIMBIA STATION. FOR POSITIVE SALE.

MESSRS. WARDEN HARRY GRAVES, LTD.,

SYDNEY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH

MESSRS. DALGETY AND CO., LTD., SYDNEY,

HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MESSRS. H. P. BLAKE AND CO. TO SELL BY AUCTION AT THE

ROYAL EXCHANGE, SYDNEY,

ON WEDNESDAY, 13th JANUARY,

AT 11.30 A.M. SHARP.

COONIMBIA STATION,

SITUATED 30 MILES FROM COONAMBLE RAILWAY STATION BY A GOOD ROAD.

AREA—[illegible] ACRES FREEHOLD, 2320 ACRES OLD C.P., 9487 ACRES C.L. TOTAL—16,482 ACRES OF SECURED LAND, 2110 ACRES OF IMPROVEMENT LEASE, 640 ACRES OF PERMANENT WATER RESERVE, held under an Occupation License, 19,232 ACRES, total area, in a consolidated, compact Block.

ALL FIRST-CLASS COUNTRY. Bounded by those celebrated stations:—WINGADEE, QUAMBONE, and BRAHMAH.

WATERED by 22 miles double frontage to the Nedgera Creek, and a further 12 mile single frontage to the same creek. 4 GOOD DAMS, 12 TANKS, aggregating 20,000 cubic yards. ARTESIAN BORE, 1800ft deep, all Pure Water for Drinking or Irrigation purposes—as per Professor Hamlet's (Government Analyst) analysis—with numerous Drains running through the property.

22½ Miles of the highest RABBIT-PROOF NETTING, 48 x 14 x 17, now in perfect repair; 12 miles of 7-WIRE FENCING, and 22 Miles of 6-WIRE FENCING. Subdivided into 19 Paddocks.

WOOL SHED, fitted with 14 stands of Wolseley Machines, driven by a 4 h.p. Steam Engine; Sheep Dip; Sheep-drafting Yards, etc; Shearers and Roustabouts' Huts, in conformity with the Act; Sheep-marking Yards in all the Lambing Paddocks.

Comfortable HOMESTEAD of 10 Rooms, Ample Outoffices, Stables, Loose Boxes, Cart and Machinery Sheds. Vegetable and Fruit Gardens.

COONIMBIA is first-class fattening country, second to none in the Castlereagh district. All improvements are of a high-class and substantial kind, in first-class repair and order. Together with

About 10,000 Magnificent Large-framed MERINO SHEEP (including a choice Stud Flock), heavy wool cutters. They have been carefully planed for over 30 years, and for the last 12 years have been bred exclusively from pure Collaroys.

45 PURE DURHAM CATTLE, and

54 HEAD OF DRAUGHT and BLOOD HORSES.

Inspection of this really compact, consolidated, highly-improved, first-class property invited.

For further particulars or letters to inspect apply

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THIS DAY, 2.30 P.M. TO SPECULATORS, INVESTORS, AND OTHERS

A RARE OPPORTUNITY OF SECURING BARGAINS IN COTTAGES AND LAND AT BANKSIA.

J. F. HEGERTY

has received instructions from Mrs. M. A. COLLESS TO SELL BY AUCTION ON THE GROUND,

5 SUBSTANTIAL BRICK COTTAGES, 4 to 6 Rooms.
2 WEATHERBOARD COTTAGES, and
20 BUILDING SITES.

WITHIN 8 MINUTES FROM BANKSIA STATION.

TERMS:—COTTAGES, 10 per cent. Deposit, Balance in 5 years at 5 per cent. LAND, £2 per Block Deposit, Balance £1 per month at 5 per cent.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.

PLANS AND PARTICULARS FROM

J. F. HEGERTY, AUCTIONEER, ROCKDALE. 'Phone, 40 Kog.

NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON.

At 3 p.m. we shall sell by auction the remaining 20 Lots on this Estate, close to the 2 beaches, close to the ocean, the port, and the bay, in the best part of this beautiful suburb.

HEART O' CRONULLA ESTATE. HEART O' CRONULLA ESTATE. HEART O' CRONULLA ESTATE. HEART O' CRONULLA ESTATE.

20 CRONULLA ALLOTMENTS.

Splendid Sites for out-of-town residences, with the best class of residents on the estate. . . . Fair building covenants will prevent humpies and suchlike from spoiling values. . . The tram must send Cronulla ahead, so now is the time to buy. . . . These Lots are 40 x 123, on splendid soil, and as level as a billiard table, high up, and with extensive views. Send for a plan to the Auctioneers, G. H. MORRIS and CO., Parramatta; or to A. L. HINTON, 94 Pitt-street.

Title is Torrens, and Mr. C. E. BYRNES is Solicitor for Vendors.

FRESHWATER — MANLY.

FRONTAGES TO FRESHWATER BEACH AND THE OCEAN, QUEENSCLIFF HEIGHTS, AND FRESHWATER BEACH RESUBDIVISION.

UNPARALLELED AND UNSURPASSED.

RIGHT AT THE SAFEST BATHING BEACH, commanding glorious views of the Blue Pacific. This Land will be equal to that at Fairy Bower, which is worth £10 foot.

GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY.

THE LAST AND ONLY CHANCE TO SECURE OCEAN FRONTAGES.

TORRENS TITLE. LIBERAL TERMS.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND, SATURDAY, THE 2nd JANUARY, AT 3.30 P.M.

Plans from ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON,

AUCTIONEER, 118 PITT-STREET.

JERDAN'S, "My Opticians," for improvements in your glasses. See the New Tools Lenses.

MEN'S Tweed Suits to order, 45s, every garment made on premises. English and Co., 797 George-st.

AUCTION SALE---BOXING DAY.

HAZELBROOK,

ELEVATION— 2210 FEET ABOVE SEA.

On the Blue Mountains.

By special arrangement with the Railway Department, a LIMITED NUMBER OF ORDERS will be issued by the Auctioneers

AT 2/6 RETURN,

entitling buyers to obtain a RETURN TICKET TO HAZELBROOK for day of Sale (compartments reserved). Applications for same to be made at No. 3 Moore-street, up to Thursday, December 24.

SPEND A PLEASANT DAY ON THE MOUNTAINS

AND ATTEND AUCTION SALE OF

THE HAZELBROOK TOWNSHIP ESTATE,

RIGHT AT THE RAILWAY STATION,

ON BOXING DAY, SATURDAY NEXT.

SALE COMMENCES AT 2.30 O'CLOCK.

TORRENS TITLE. TITLE DEEDS UNENCUMBERED.

POPULAR EASY TERMS.

TWO POUNDS DEPOSIT and One Pound Monthly. NO INTEREST if paid off in three years.

Reduced Monthly Instalments to buyers of two or more lots.

DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

Those not wishing to take their picnic baskets can get meals at "The Willows," on the Estate, at Sydney Prices.

SEND FOR PLAN.

PIERCY ETHELL & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 3 MOORE-STREET, SYDNEY.

SECOND SUBDIVISION.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM A. A. DANGAR.

10,600 ACRES RICH BASALTIC SOIL,

ON THE FAMOUS

GOSTWYCK ESTATE,

ONE OF THE FINEST PROPERTIES IN NEW ENGLAND.

73 MAGNIFICENT FARMS,

IN AREAS RANGING FROM 40 ACRES TO 360 ACRES,

ARE FOR ABSOLUTE AUCTION SALE,

TOWN HALL, ARMIDALE, FEBRUARY 2, 1909, AT 2 P.M.

NEW ENGLAND is undoubtedly the MOST PROSPEROUS DISTRICT IN THE STATE. Its rich, heavily-clothed pastures make it eminently suitable for DAIRYING, GRAZING, or MIXED FARMING, while the uniform richness of the soil assures bountiful yields of

MAIZE, OATS, WHEAT, POTATOES, AND ALL FARM PRODUCE.

The New GOSTWYCK SUBDIVISION is within 6 to 10 miles of ARMIDALE, and consists mostly of open undulating country, extensively cleared, and includes the famous SEVEN-MILE PLAIN. There are SPLENDID CREEK FRONTAGES, and well water can be obtained by sinking at a moderate depth. The climate is particularly congenial, seasons absolutely assured, and MARKETS UNLIMITED. RAINFALL, 32 INCHES.

TERMS LIBERAL.

TITLE TORRENS.

FULL PARTICULARS AND LITHOGRAPHS FROM—

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WOY WOY, BOXING DAY, AT 3 P.M.

THE PREMIER POSITION OF THIS FAVOURITE WATERSIDE RESORT, FRONTING THE WATERS OF WOY WOY BAY, WHICH ABOUND IN FISH.

A CHARMING PORTION, right opposite the Railway Station, known for many years as the late Canon Taylor's Property. Good soil and well-grassed Land. Absolute Water Frontage. Gently slope to the water. W.B. COTTAGE, Stone foundation, 4 rooms; also detached iron Building of 5 rooms, also large detached Room. Land, 200 x 256 to 484. Area, 1 acre 3 roods. Large underground tank, brick cemented. Also very substantial jetty. Title Torrens. Lovely Spot for Week-end resort, also grand spot for Boarding Establishment.

HUGH DUFF AND CO.

have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on the Ground, on BOXING DAY, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m.

KENDALL GRANGE ESTATE, LAKE MACQUARIE,

VIA MORISSET RAILWAY STATION.

CLEARANCE SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE GROUND,

NEW YEAR'S DAY, AT 2 P.M.

ABSOLUTE WATER FRONTAGES.

EXCELLENT SOIL. ELEVATED LOTS.

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS of the LAKE FROM EVERY LOT. Title Torrens. TERMS: £2 Deposit, Balance £1 per month, with interest at 5 per cent. annum, payable quarterly.

BOATING, FISHING, BATHING, SHOOTING.

HUGH DUFF AND CO., 283 GEORGE-STREET.

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TRAM TO THE ESTATE, EXTENSIVE WATER VIEWS.

GRAND RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS SITES.

Fronting GREAT NORTH-ROAD, near LYONS-ROAD.

AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, AT AN EARLY DATE, IN LARGE ALLOTMENTS, ON EASY TERMS. TITLE TORRENS.

HUGH DUFF AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 283 GEORGE-STREET.

WOY WOY. BOXING DAY. MOUNT PLEASANT ESTATE.

Fronting Steyne-road and nice Sandy Beach, Lot 37 (second block from jetty), 40 x 230.

HUGH DUFF and CO. will sell by Public Auction, at Mrs. MARSHALL'S HOTEL, WOY WOY, on BOXING DAY, at 11 a.m., as above.

WOY WOY.

BOXING DAY.

CLEARANCE SALE OF THE WARNER ESTATE will be held at Mrs. Marshall's Woy Woy Hotel, at 11 a.m.

CHOICE RESIDENTIAL SITES, right on the Best Fishing Grounds, and handy to Woy Woy Railway Station.

TITLE TORRENS.

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HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 283 George-street.

DARLINGHURST,

LARGE HOUSE, SUITABLE FOR PRIVATE HOSPITAL OR BOARDING-HOUSE,

PLENTY OF LAND TO BUILD ON.

99 SURREY-STREET, ALELLA, having a frontage of 28ft 7½in by SURREY-STREET, with a width at the back of 63ft to SURREY-PLACE, and a depth on one side of 121ft, RESIDENCE, built of brick, slate roof, and contains hall, dining-room (16 x 27), sitting-room, front bedroom, 12 x 20, drawing-room, 4 bed rooms, bathroom, with hot-water heater, W.C., kitchen, washhouse, verandahs, and balconies. Title Torrens and Common Law.

HUGH DUFF AND CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction at their Salerooms, 283 George-street, on THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1909, at 11.30 as above.

A GOOD estate makes a stout heart.—Nestle's Food builds great constitutions for Infants.

WOY WOY, BOXING DAY.

LOT 19 OF THE WOY-WOY BAY ESTATE.

OPPOSITE WOY WOY STATION, WITH LOVELY VIEWS OF THE BAY.

LOVELY SANDY BEACH.

FULLY FURNISHED W.B. COTTAGE, containing 4 rooms and kitchen, 3 rooms (12 x 12), hall, dining-room (15.6 x 12), kitchen (14 x 12), private jetty; also attached thereto, 2-storied building, 3 large rooms, 2 fully furnished, 2 boats, and abundance of water, known as Lawrence's Cottage.

WELL LET FOR 8 MONTHS.

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MOSMAN.—Upper Avenue-road.—TAIKOO, D.F. Brick Cottage, 7 r.s., hall, kit., etc. Land, 40 x 120. Torrens.

T. QUINN and COMPANY, LTD., have received instructions to sell by Auction, at their Rooms, 76A Pitt-street, WED., Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.

MOSMAN.—Upper Avenue-road.—TIBBLO, WANGHLIE, BENA, LOORAN, 4 Detached Brick Cottages, each 5 rms., kit., etc. with all latest convs.

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CRONULLA BEACH.—Edwin-parade, facing main road, W.B. Cottage, 3 rms., kit., etc., 1 acre of land, furnished throughout, close to beach, and in first-class order. Let at 35s p.w.

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WATCH Repairing, that's my business. Big jewellers don't give it the attention I do. Jolls, Ryl. Arcade.

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Efficiency, care, and expedition, combined with economical charges, are assured in the execution of all work entrusted to the Company.

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P. J. PHILLIPPE, withdraw words used to Miss E. Duncan, and apologise for same.

LUDO VON WEITERNHAGEN, Sydney, will not be responsible any Debts without my writ. authority.

NEW YEAR AFTERNOON.—Auction of 20 Cronulla Lots. Plans from Hobbs and Co., Parramatta.

ELECTROPLATING.—Old Urns, Spoons, Cruets, Butter Dishes, replated as new. W. Wild, 54 Park-st.

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WOOD MILNE RUBBER HEELS,

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THE EMU AND GEM STOVES are ideal cookers—easily cleaned—can't clog up.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CONVOCATION for the ELECTION of a FELLOW in the room of the late Sir Arthur Renwick, B.A., M.D., Kt., will be holden at the University at noon on THURSDAY, the 4th day of FEBRUARY, 1909.

A BALLOT, if required, will be taken between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 13th of February, at the Royal Society's Rooms, Elizabeth-street.

Nominations, which must be communicated to the Acting Registrar under the hands of two qualified voters, cannot be received earlier than the 4th of December, 1908, nor later than the 23rd of January, 1909.

ROBERT A. DALLEN, Acting Registrar.

9th December, 1908.

I WISH to THANK my numerous Customers for their very long and esteemed patronage and support, and to inform them during the holidays I shall be REMOVING the whole of my long-established and present business to a NEW and UP-TO-DATE PURE FOOD FACTORY, specially fitted with all the very latest electric machinery and sanitary appliances possible to install to manufacture a pure food under the purest conditions, where the Trade and Public generally shall be invited to inspect themselves, at 130, 132, 134, 136, and 180 ABERCROMBIE-STREET, CITY.

P.S.—During my 20 years as a business man I have never attempted to supply the public with any food that myself, family, and employees would not consume without hesitation at all times; and I guarantee the trade and public that I shall always continue to do the same. Thanking you,

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FUNERALS.

BATES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. BATES and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, Rupert M. Bates, at Riverstone, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

CRIMP.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. CRIMP, late of Randwick, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved only CHILD, Hilda; to leave their residence, 573 Dowling-street, Moore Park, THIS SATURDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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CRIMP.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. ARMSTRONG are invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NIECE, Hilda Crimp; to leave 573 Dowling-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for Rookwood.

COCHRANE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. COCHRANE and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON and BROTHER, Henry Cochrane; to leave their residence, Myrtle Creek, Minto, THIS DAY, Saturday, at 4 o'clock, for Campbelltown Cemetery.

COUSINS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COUSINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved Infant SON, John Cousins; to leave their residence, 33 Queen-street, Woollahra, THIS (Saturday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Waverley.
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COWAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL HENRY COWAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Elsie Margaret Emma; to move from 11 Smith-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Necropolis. Sydney friends kindly take Funeral Train leaving Mortuary Station at 2.22 p.m.
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HIGGINS.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. BRIDGET ELLEN HIGGINS will leave her late residence, 606 Darling-street, Rozelle, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Church of England Cemetery, Waverley.
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LEES.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM LEES are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved SON, George; to leave his residence, 136 Eveleigh-street, Redfern, TO-DAY, at 1.30, for Necropolis.

MARSHALL.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mr. JOHN MARSHALL are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, 58 Crown-road, Pyrmont, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for the Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
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MARSHALL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALEXANDER and KATE, alias ALEXANDER and JOHN HAMILTON, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW and UNCLE, John Marshall, which will move from 58 Crown-st, Pyrmont, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30.

MARSHALL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HAMILTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved UNCLE, Mr. John Marshall, which will leave his late residence, 58 Crown-st, Pyrmont, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'c., for the Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.

MARSHALL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. KEHOE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved STEP-FATHER, Mr. John Marshall, which will leave his late residence, 58 Crown-street, Pyrmont, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'c., for the Church of England Cemetery, Nec.

THE Officers and Brethren of the Loyal Victoria Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F. (No. 11), are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved Brother, JOHN MARSHALL; to move from his late residence, TO-DAY, SATURDAY, for the Mortuary Station, at 1.30 p.m., thence to Rookwood by the 2 o'clock p.m. train.

O'NEILL.—The Funeral of the late THOMAS O'NEILL will leave his parents' residence, 246 Bulwara-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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PENFOLD.—The Friends of the late Mr. WILLIAM PENFOLD are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 59 Silver-street, St. Peters, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Sutherland C. of E. Cemetery, via St. Peters station.
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PENFOLD.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. PENFOLD and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved FATHER and GRANDFATHER, William Penfold; to leave his late residence, 59 Silver-street, St. Peters, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Sutherland Cemetery. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King and Brown streets, Newtown.

PENFOLD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. KING and Mr. and Mrs. R. THORPE and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved FATHER and GRANDFATHER, William Penfold; to leave his late residence, 59 Silver-street, St. Peters, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Sutherland Cemetery, via St. Peters station.
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PENFOLD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. PENFOLD, junr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. FERGUSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved GRANDFATHER, William Penfold; to leave his late residence, 59 Silver-st, St. Peters, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Sutherland Cemetery, via St. Peters station.
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O.R.F., W. PENFOLD.—The Officers and Members of Court Royal Standard, O.R.F., and kindred Courts are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Bro., W. PENFOLD; to move from his late residence, 59 Silver-street, St. Peters, for Sutherland Cemetery, via St. Peters stn., at 1.30 p.m. E. Jobbins; G. L. Osgood.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH WELLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Henry Weller (Butcher, late of Beattie and Mort streets, Balmain), which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery. R.I.P.
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WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS WELLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER, Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM WELLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD WELLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Miss E. WELLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. CLOUSTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. CONWAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. LEWIS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. LIDDLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PAOLICCI, of No. 4 Abercrombie-st, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved UNCLE, Henry Weller, which will leave Rosebank, Jane-st, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

WELLER.—The Friends of Messrs. MATTHEW and WILLIAM STEWART are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved UNCLE, Henry Weller, which will leave his late residence, Rosebank, Jane-st, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.

WELLER.—Loyal Balmain Lodge, No. 15, M.U.I.O.O.F.—The Officers and Brethren of the above Lodge are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Brother, HENRY WELLER, which will leave Rosebank, Jane-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
P. G. MAXWELL, N.G.
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WITHAM.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN G. WITHAM are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved SON, Hedley George; to leave 82 Marshall-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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WYND.—The Friends of Mrs. PETER WYND are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND; to leave his late residence, Dundee, 68 Brandling-street, Alexandria, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland, via Central Station.
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WYND.—The Friends of JOHN HOLLIDAY are invited to attend the Funeral of his late PARTNER, Peter Wynd; to leave his residence, Brandling-street, Alexandria, THIS SATURDAY, 1.15 p.m., for Sutherland Cemetery.

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PEGGY BAGS.
NEW PEGGY BAGS, Imitation Calf Crocodile, strap handles, Grey, Green, 1/6½, 2/3, 2/6, 2/11.
PEGGY BAGS, Imitation Seal, with strap handle, Tan, Green, Brown, 3/11.
SOCIETY BAGS, Morocco, Silk Lined, Brown, Black, 4/11.
PEGGY BAGS, Morocco, Silk Lined, Strap Handles, 5/6, 6/11, 7/6.
NEW BAGS, Russia Leather, Satin Lined, Buckle Strap, Nickel Mounts, Brown, Green, 7/6.
PEGGY BAG, in Morocco, Russia Calf or Seal, large inside purse, leather lined, Black, Brown, Grey, Green, 7/6, 7/11, 8/6.
PEGGY BAG, Black Seal, lined leather, large inside purse, Hinge Handles, 8/11, 9/6, 11/6.
PEGGY BAG, Real Morocco, lined leather, leather handles, with nickel buckles, large inside purse, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6.
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PEGGY BAG, Grey Crocodile Calf, Silk Lined, Strap Handles, outside purse pocket, with nickel clasp, 9/11, 10/6, 12/6.
PEGGY BAG, Real Morocco, with over-strap, with nickel clasp, leather lined, 10/6, 12/6.
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LADIES' SEAL DRESSING CASE, strap handles, containing Brush, Comb, Mirror, Soap Box, Powder Box, Perfume Flask, Tooth Brush Case, with nickel mounts. Brushes, either Ebony or Ivory Finish, 10/6, 12/6, 15/.
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5/11 pair, 3 pairs for 16/6, 6 pairs for 32/6.
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3/6 pair, 3 pairs for 9/6, 6 pairs for 18/11.
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SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.
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AT XMAS PRICES.
Dainty Handkerchiefs, Children's, White and Coloured Border, 1/0½, 1/3½, 1/6½, 1/9½, 1/11½, 2/3, 2/6 the ½-doz.
Coloured Mercerised Handkerchiefs, 1/11½ and 2/3 the ½-doz.
Ladies' H.S. Embd. Scalloped Handkerchiefs, dainty designs, exclusive, 2/11½, 3/3, 3/6, 3/11, 4/6, 5/11, 6/11, 7/6, 8/11, 9/11, 10/6, to 25/6.
Ladies' Linen H.S. Handkerchiefs, 2/11½, 3/6, 3/11, 4/6, to 8/6 the ½-doz.
Gent.'s Silk Initialled Handkerchiefs, 1/11½, 2/3, 2/9, 2/11½, 3/3.
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Children's Books for Xmas, 1d, 4½d, 6d, 10½d, 1/, 1/6, 1/11, 2/6.
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Large Assortment of Games, 6½d, 9d, 1/, 1/6, 1/11.
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SIDELIGHTS ON THE THINGS OF CHRISTMAS.

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Lighted Candles were a feature of the ancient Jewish feast of the Dedication, or Feast of Lights. This was held about Xmas time, and the custom was probably merged into the Christian celebrations, the candles taking their place on the Xmas Tree.

The use of Holly is believed to have come from the ancient Pagan Festivals. It was first used at Xmas by the early Christians. Holly grows in every country in the world.

The Xmas Wreath was probably adopted into the Christmas display simply because it was beautiful, along with many other decorative forms, which had long been used in Pagan Festivals. The Xmas Wreath has no religious significance, although some connect it with the Crown of Thorns.

The popular notion among children that Santa Claus came down the chimney originated in Germany, where it was formerly the custom to have someone impersonate Santa Claus, and distribute gifts to the children in person. Gradually the custom died out, and the presents were left for them, generally at the hearthstone. As the giver was no longer seen by the children, some explanation was necessary, so the little ones were told that Santa Claus came down the chimney, left their presents and departed.

"Santa Claus" is a perversion of the Netherlands word "Sinter Klaas," meaning Saint Nicholas, the patron Saint of children. The real Saint Nicholas, it is said, was the Bishop of Myra, in Lucia, who died about 326 A.D. His personal history is almost entirely unknown, but numerous legends show him to have been a most generous and kindly man.

Yule, or Yuul, was the name given by the ancient Goths and Saxons to their great winter festival, and the name has survived, even now being used to indicate Christmas-time. The burning of the log was a very old Yuletime custom of the Scandinavians. It was also a custom in England, Italy, France, and Servia.

The plum pudding became associated with Christmas in the time of the early Christians. It is said to be emblematical of the wise men's rich offerings.

Close to the end of every year there comes a time when feeling runs high, jollity becomes universal, presents are exchanged, and whole weeks are given over to holiday revels.

THAT'S XMAS, AS MOST OF US KNOW IT.

We retain the time-honoured traditions of this great festival, yet few of us really know how and whence they come. This must be

FOY'S

plea for introducing the foregoing notes. But the things of to-day are uppermost in the housewives' minds just now, so here's helpful money-saving news FOR THE SHOPPER.

SOME XMAS GIFTS.
Ladies' and Gent.'s FITTED DRESSING CASES, splendid assortment, from 4/11 to £5/19/6.
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